

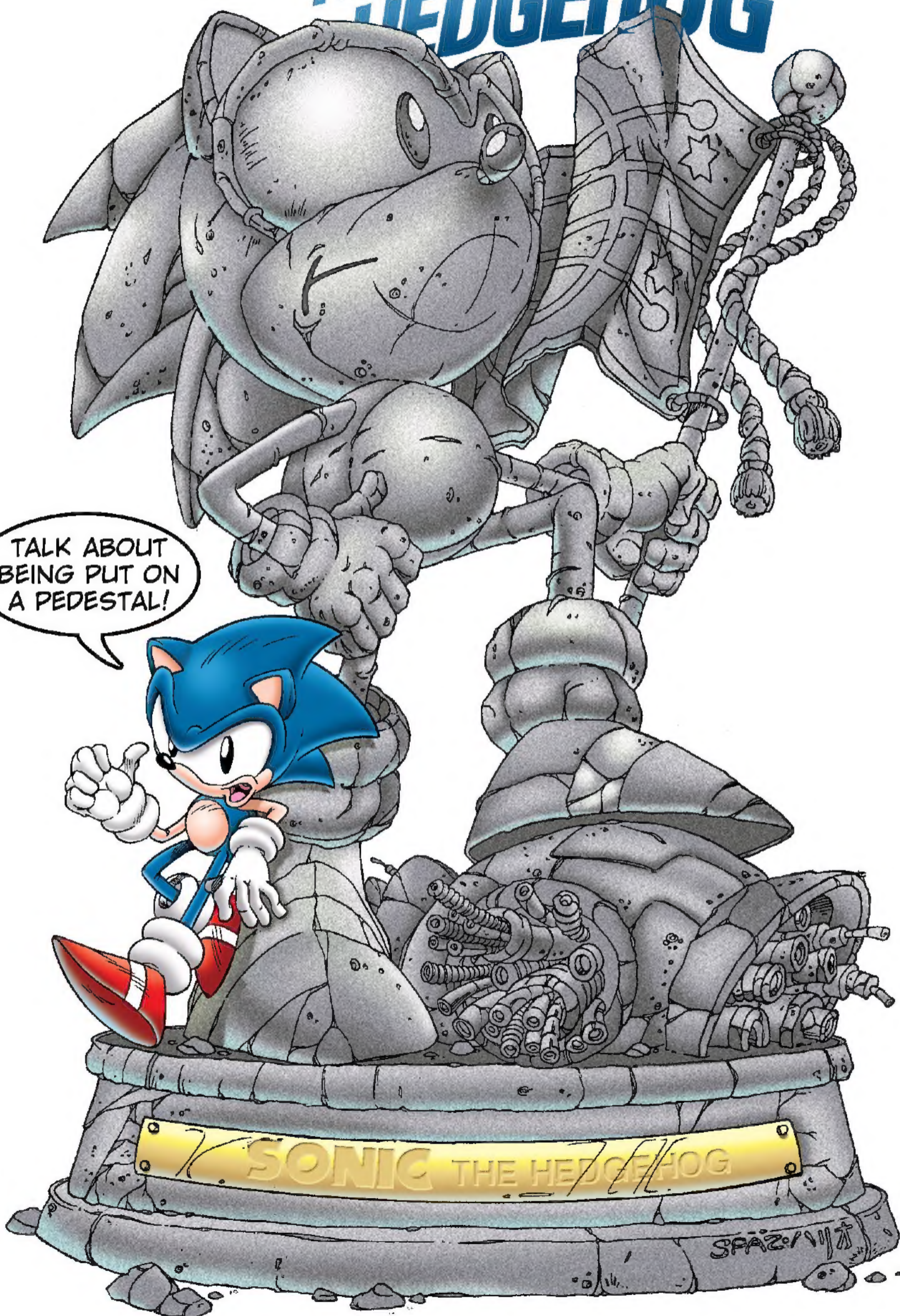
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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG™

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TALK ABOUT
BEING PUT ON
A PEDESTAL!



THE PLANET **MOBIUS** WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL **DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!** HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF **ACORN!** THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE!
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG--

-- AN ISOLATED PRISON-FORTRESS LOCATED HIGH ATOP A ROCKY CRAG IN THE MIDDLE OF A BOILING OCEAN WHOSE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IS TWO-HUNDRED TWENTY DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.

FOR MANY OF ITS INMATES-- THE MOST HARD-BITTEN AND DANGEROUS CRIMINALS ON THE EARTH-LIKE PLANET **MOBIUS**--

-- ESCAPE FROM ITS CONFINES IS NOTHING MORE THAN A PIPE-DREAM

ICON 2

Cult of Personality

SO WHAT MAKES TODAY SO DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER?

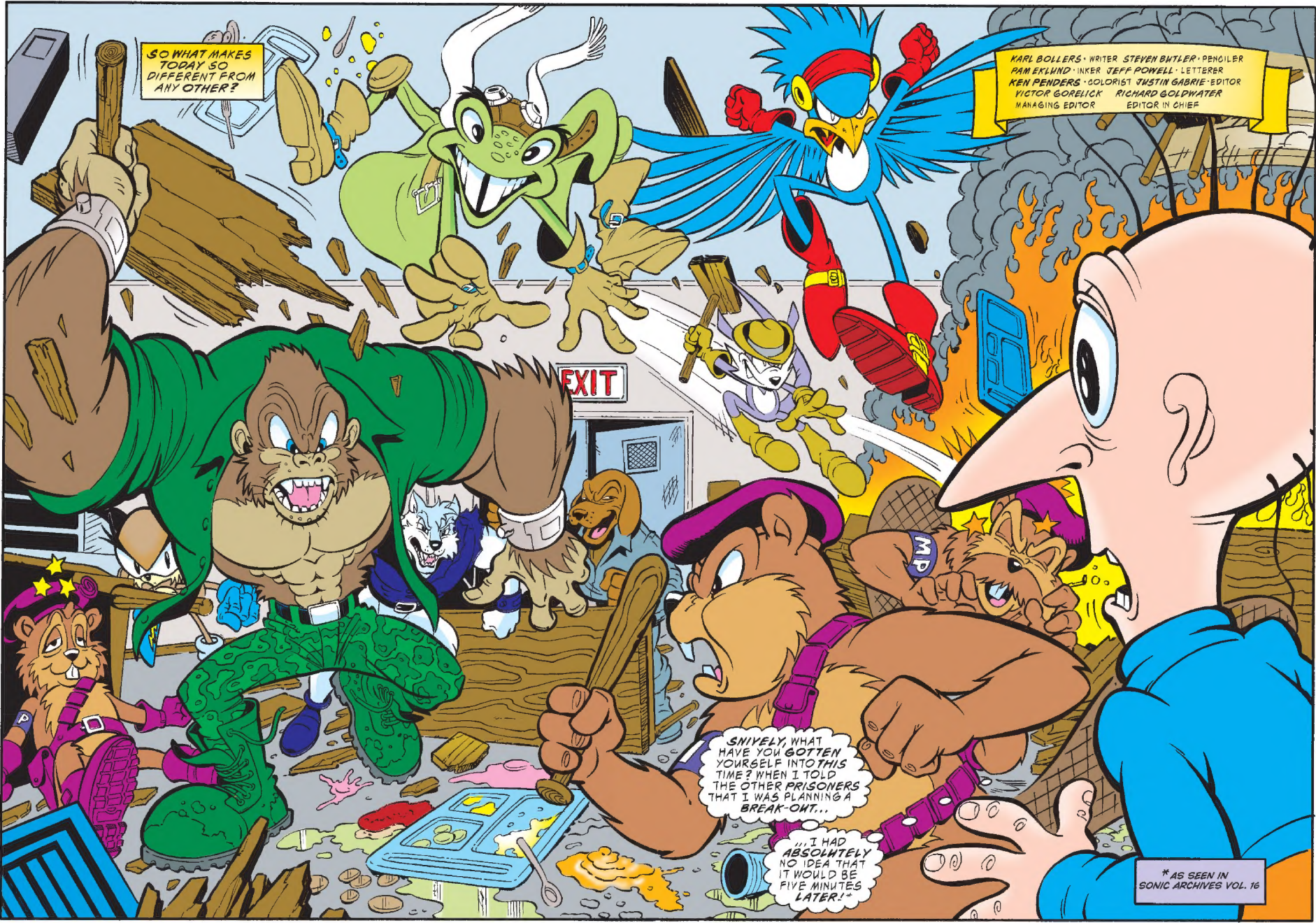
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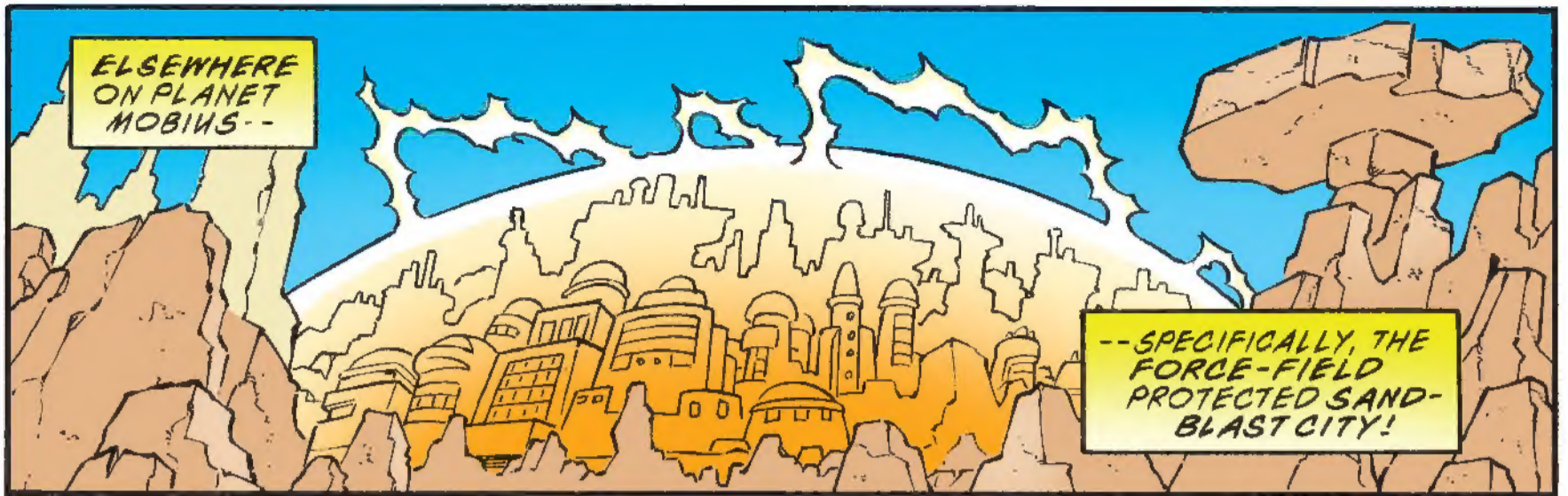
EXIT

SNIVELY, WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOURSELF INTO THIS TIME? WHEN I TOLD THE OTHER PRISONERS THAT I WAS PLANNING A BREAK-OUT...

...I HAD ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA THAT IT WOULD BE FIVE MINUTES LATER!*

* AS SEEN IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16





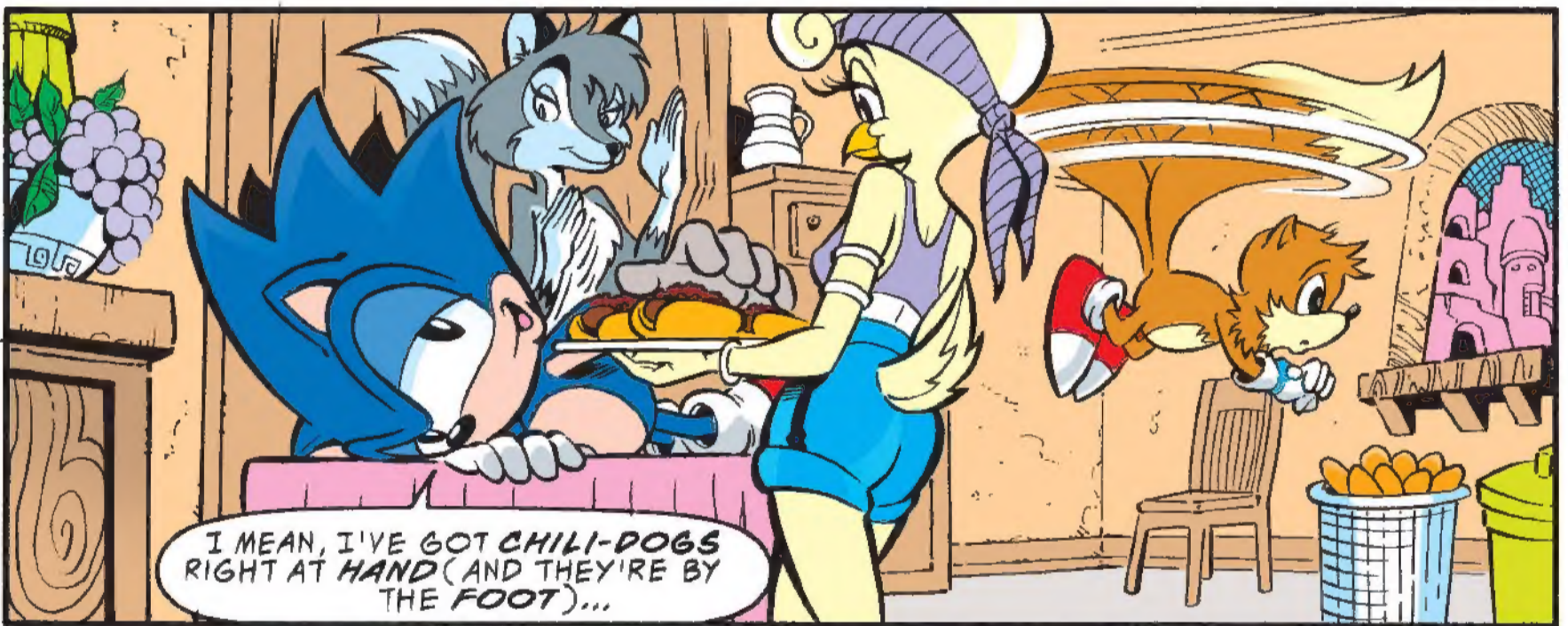
ELSEWHERE
ON PLANET
MOBIUS--

--SPECIFICALLY, THE
FORCE-FIELD
PROTECTED SAND-
BLAST CITY!



IF ONE
THING CAN BE SAID
ABOUT THESE SAND-
BLASTERS...

... THEY SHRE
DO KNOW THE
MEANING OF
HOSPITALITY!



I MEAN, I'VE GOT CHILI-DOGS
RIGHT AT HAND (AND THEY'RE BY
THE FOOT)...



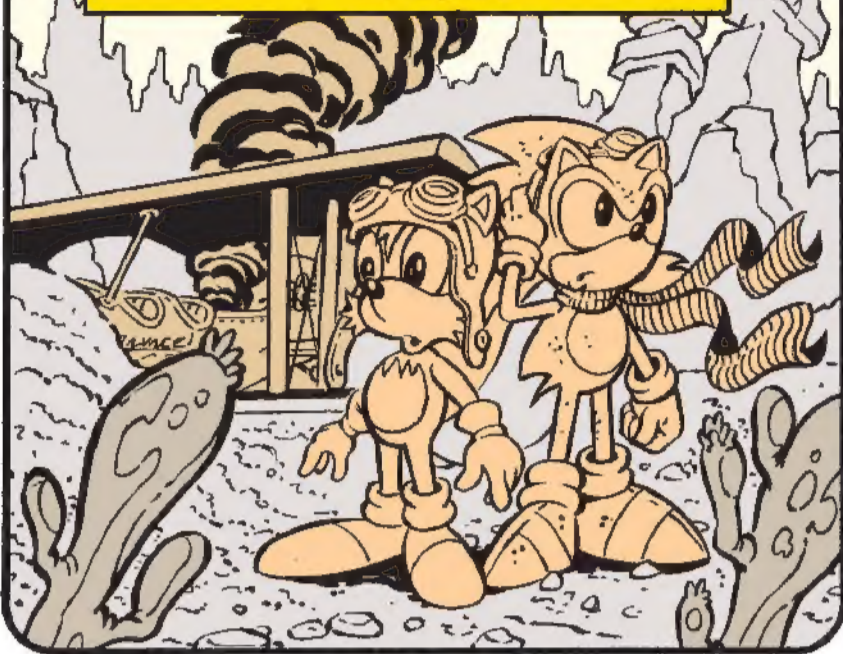
...ISN'T THIS
ALL WAY PAST
COOL, TAILS?

ER... SURE,
SONIC. EVERY-
THING'S... WH...
REALLY COOL.

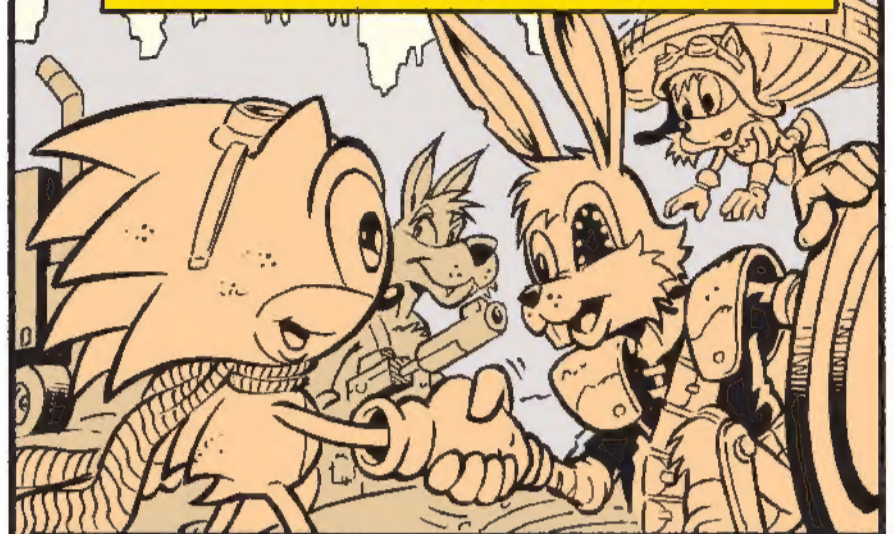


'CEPT
FOR YOU,
THAT IS!

"YOU SEEMED OKAY AFTER YOUR BIPLANE CRASHED LEAVING US STRANDED OUT IN AN UNKNOWN DESERT--"

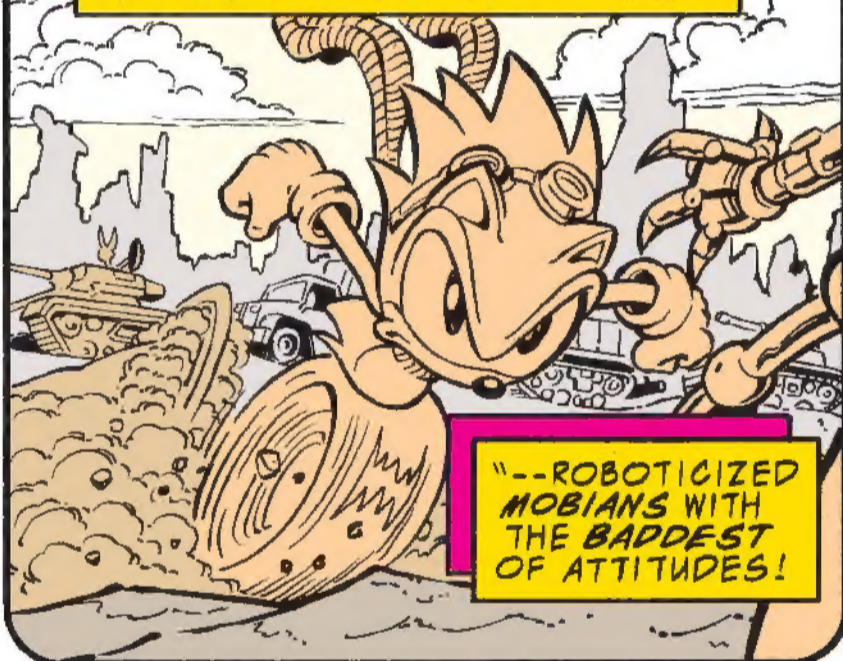


"--WHERE WE MET JACK RABBITT AND HIS BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS-- THE SAND-BLASTERS*-- WHO HAD MODELED THEMSELVES AFTER THE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VERSION**!"



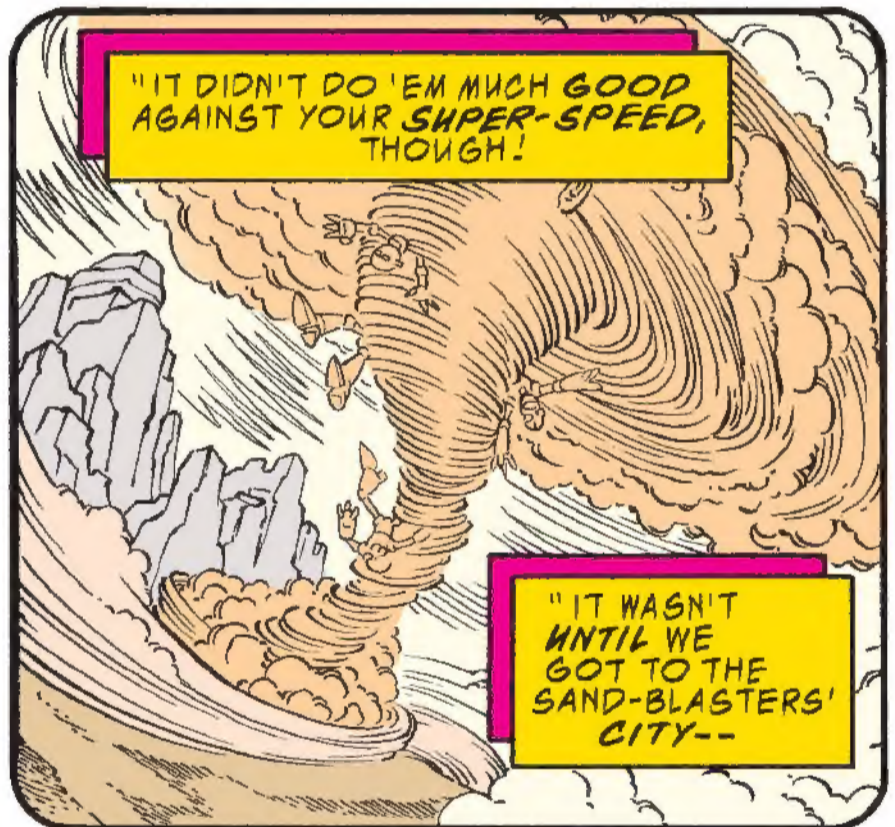
*SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16 ** Sonic's friends and teammates who helped him defeat Doctor Robotnik. - ARCHIVE-ITOR

"BEFORE ANYBODY COULD GET A CHANCE TO TRADE WAR-STORIES, WE WERE ATTACKED BY ROBBIANS--"



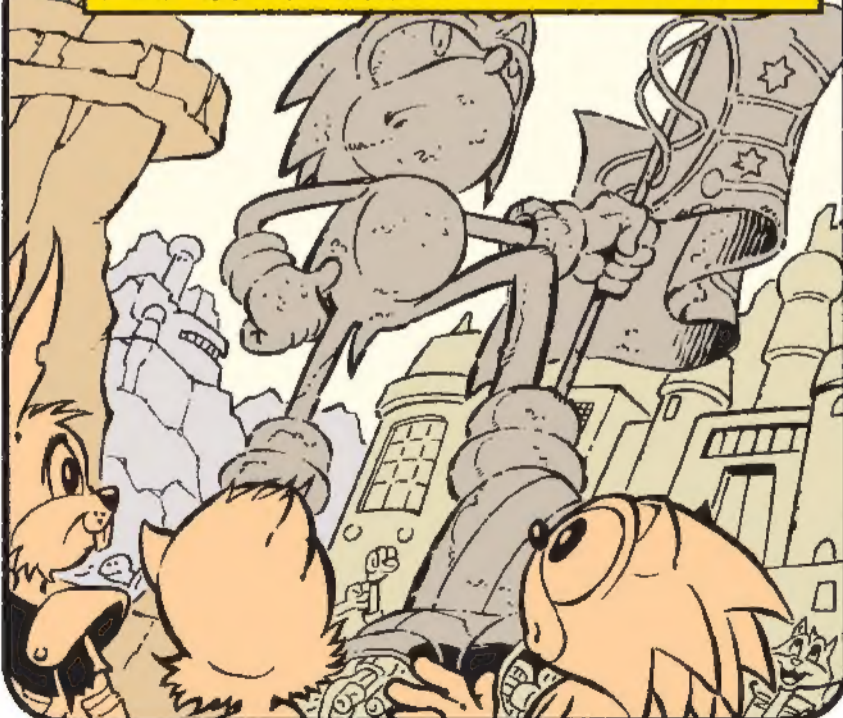
"--ROBOTICIZED MOBBIANS WITH THE BADDEST OF ATTITUDES!"

"IT DIDN'T DO 'EM MUCH GOOD AGAINST YOUR SUPER-SPEED, THOUGH!"

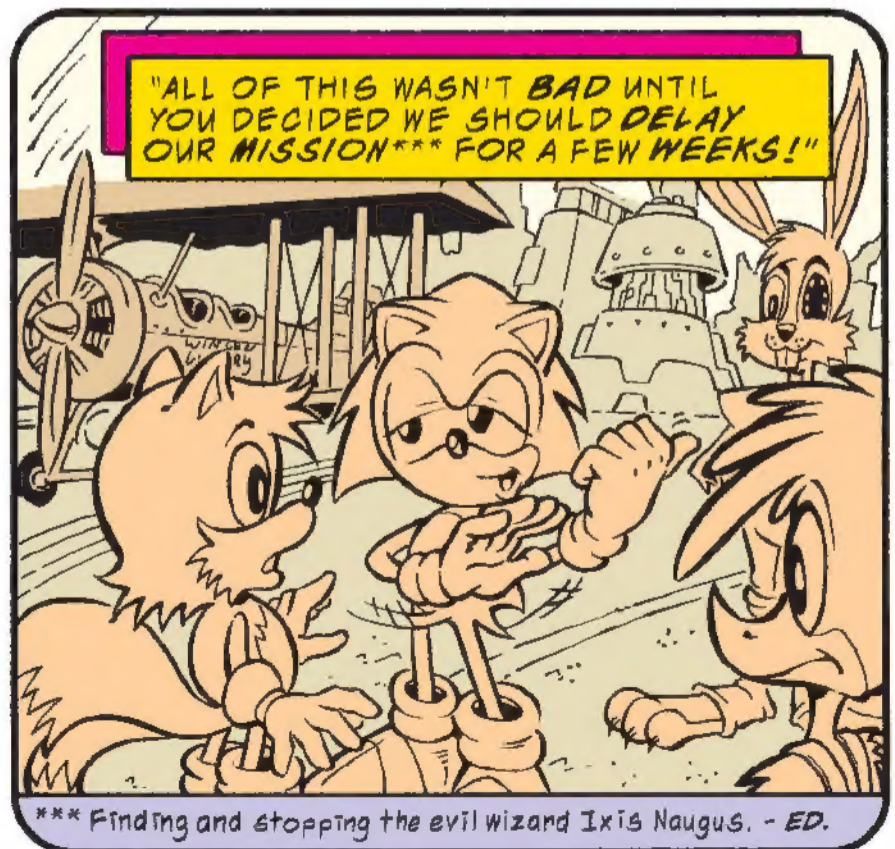


"IT WASN'T UNTIL WE GOT TO THE SAND-BLASTERS' CITY--"

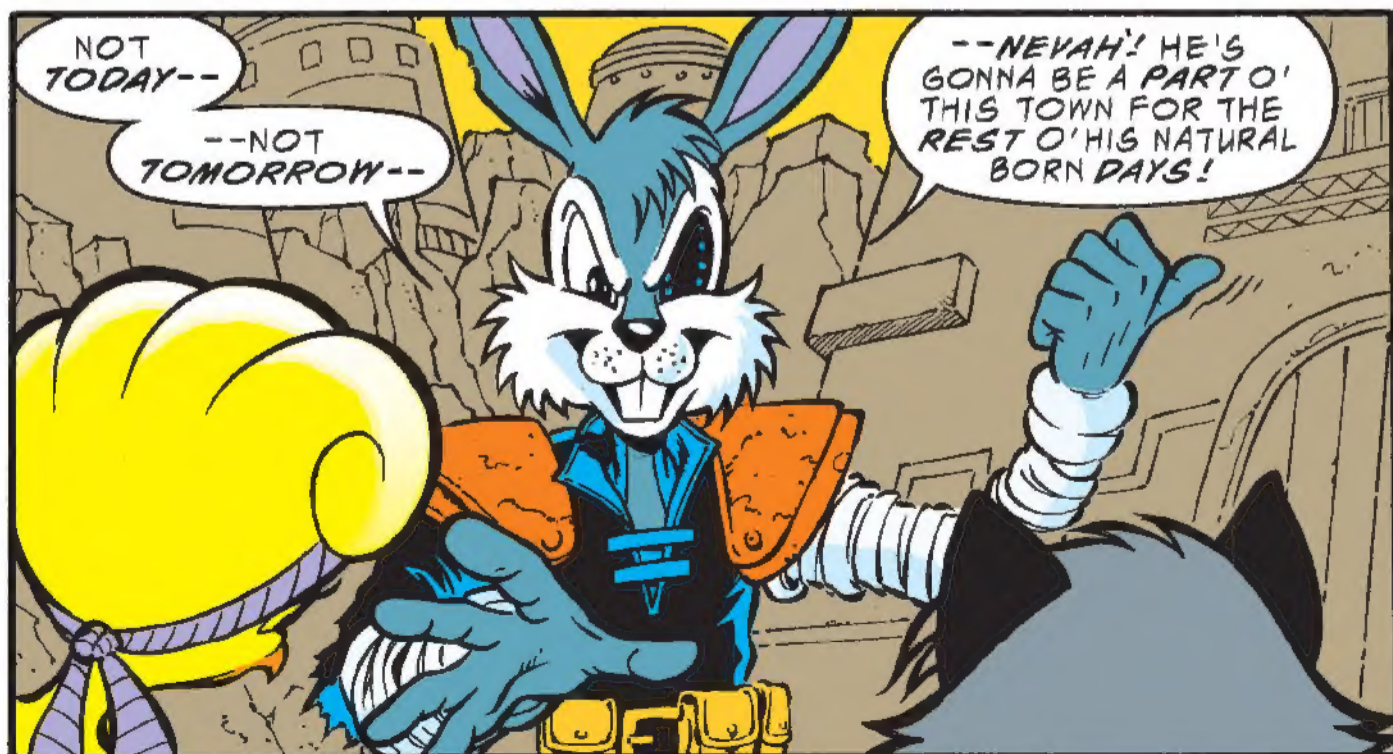
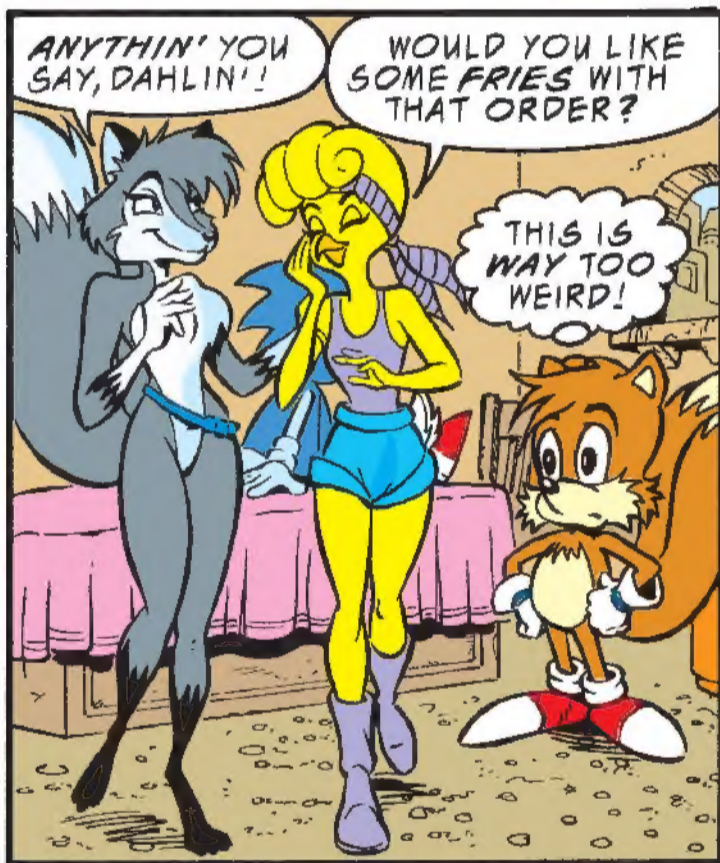
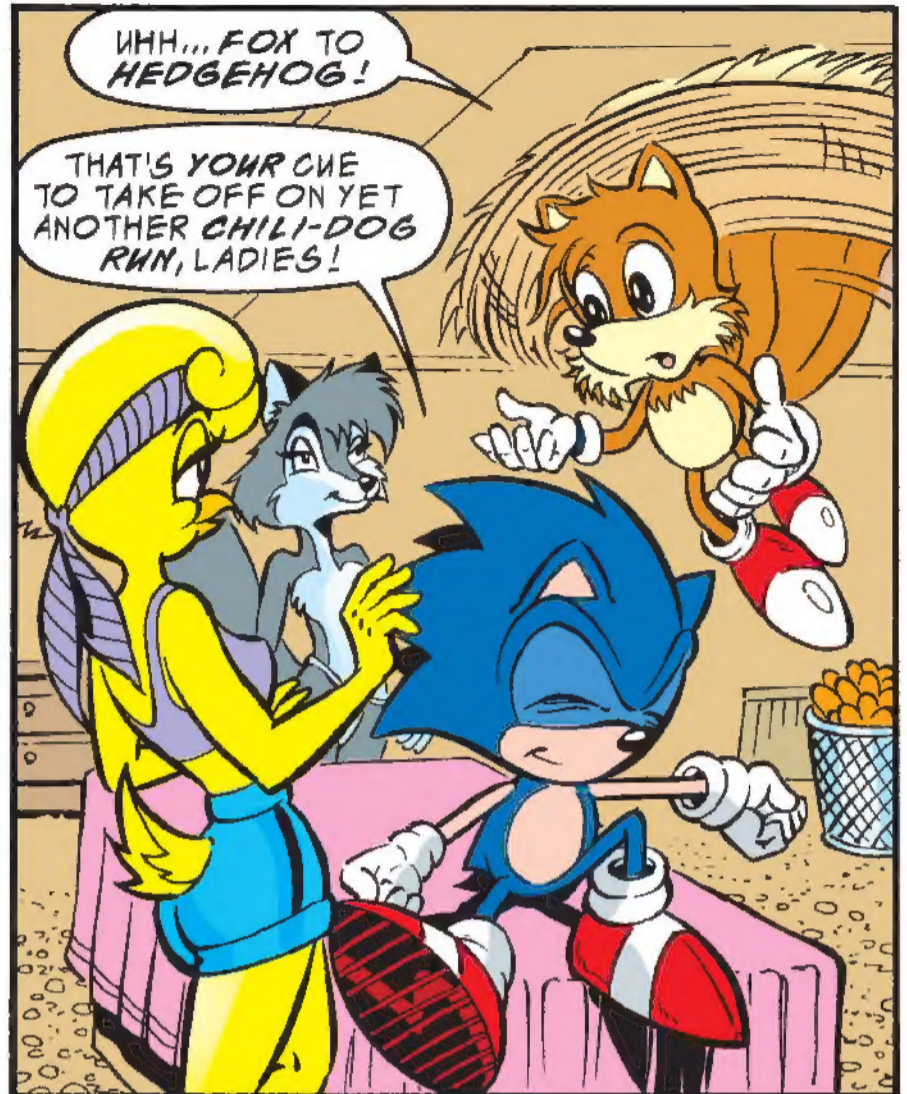
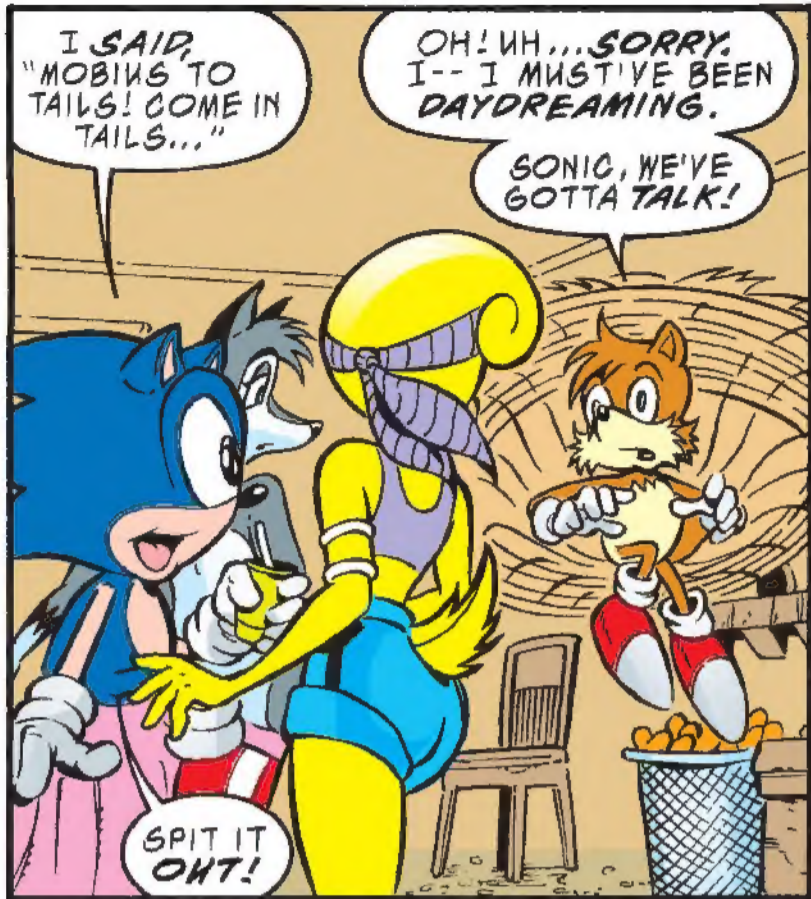
"--THAT WE LEARNED JUST HOW MUCH OF AN INFLUENCE YOU'D REALLY HAD ON THEM ALL! YOU WERE LIKE A LEGEND!"

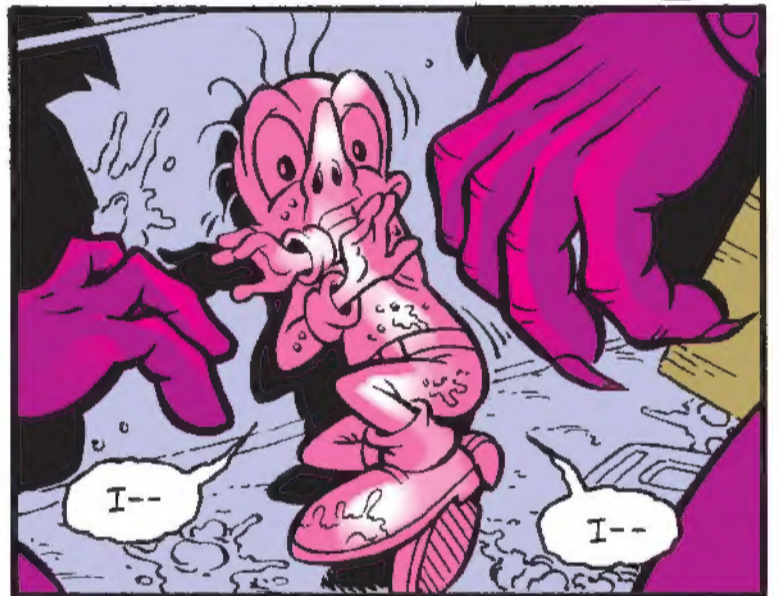
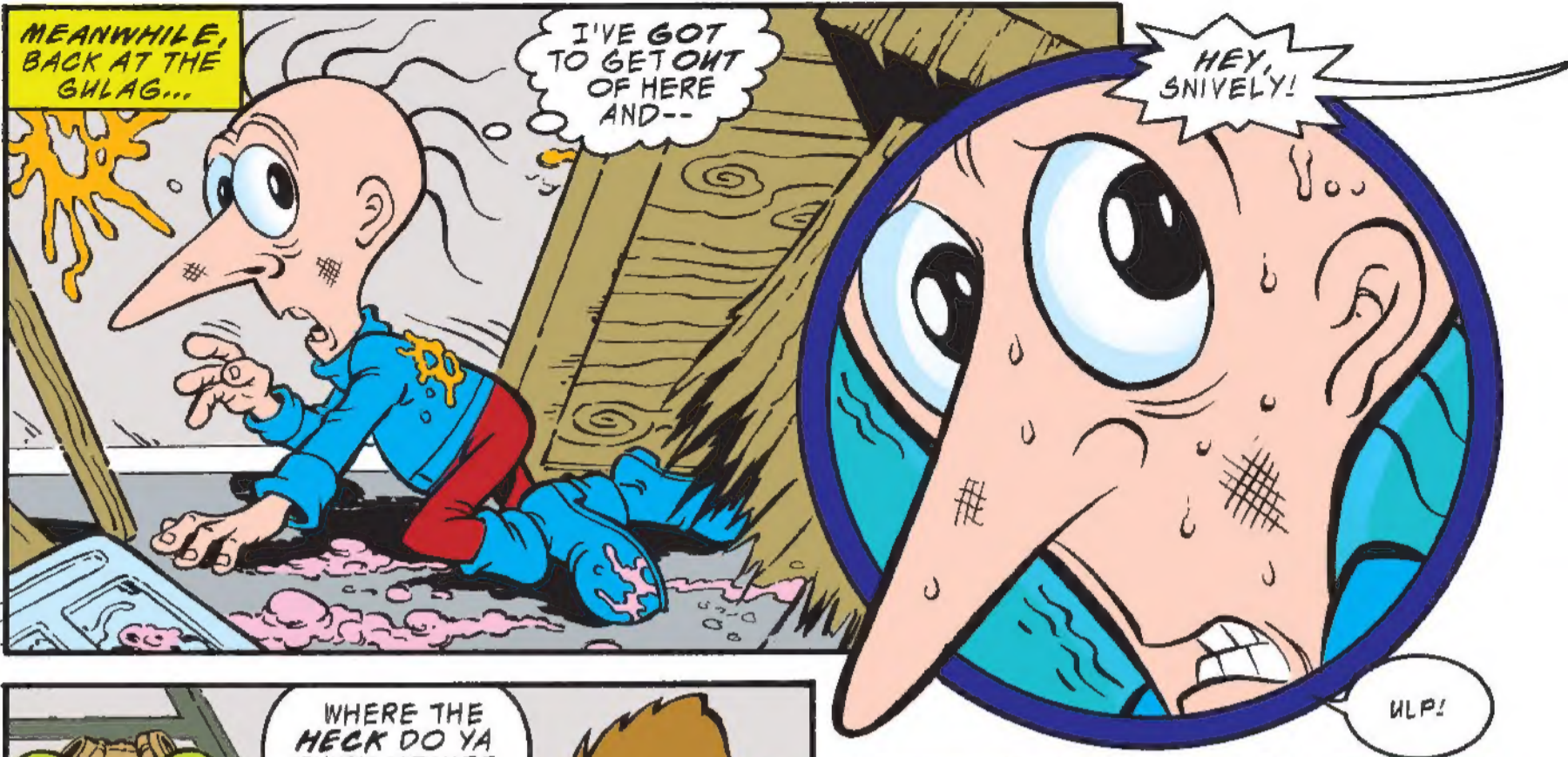


"ALL OF THIS WASN'T BAD UNTIL YOU DECIDED WE SHOULD DELAY OUR MISSION*** FOR A FEW WEEKS!"



*** Finding and stopping the evil wizard Ixis Naugus. - ED.







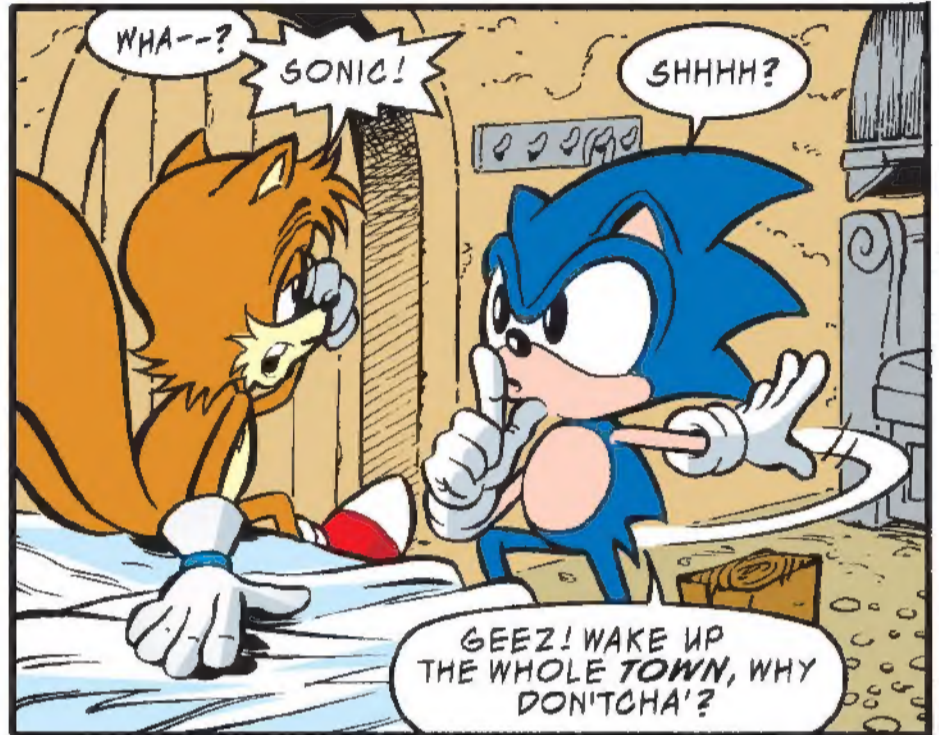
SAND-BLAST...



TAILS.

TAILS!

TAP TAP TAP



WHA--?

SONIC!

SHHHH?

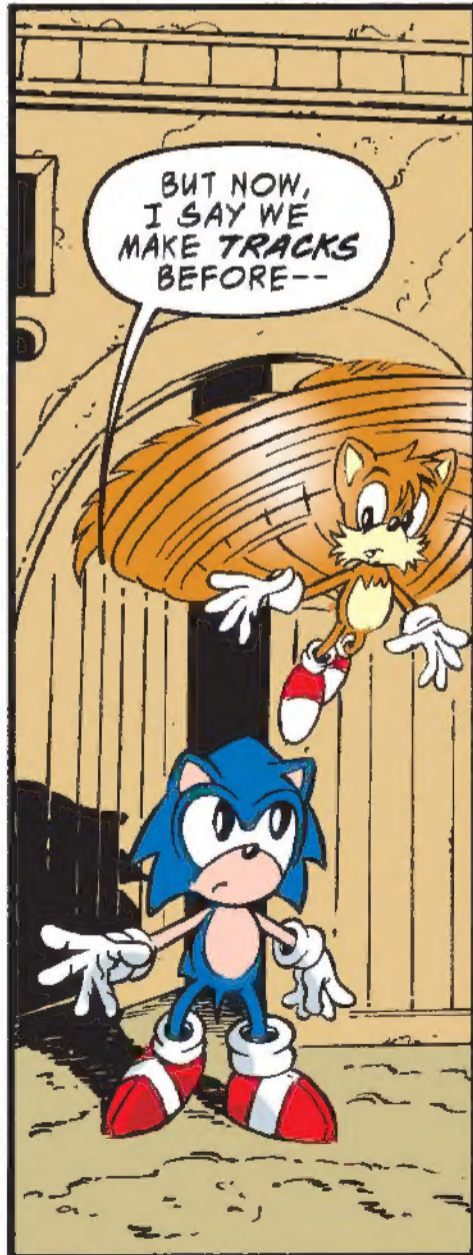
GEEZ! WAKE UP THE WHOLE TOWN, WHY DON'TCHA'?



SOMEHOW, WE'VE BECOME PRISONERS, L'IL BUDDY, AND WE HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TIME IF WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT OUTTA HERE!

I HAD TO ACT LIKE I WANTED TO STAY SO THE SAND-BLASTERS WOULDN'T SUSPECT I WAS ONTO 'EM!

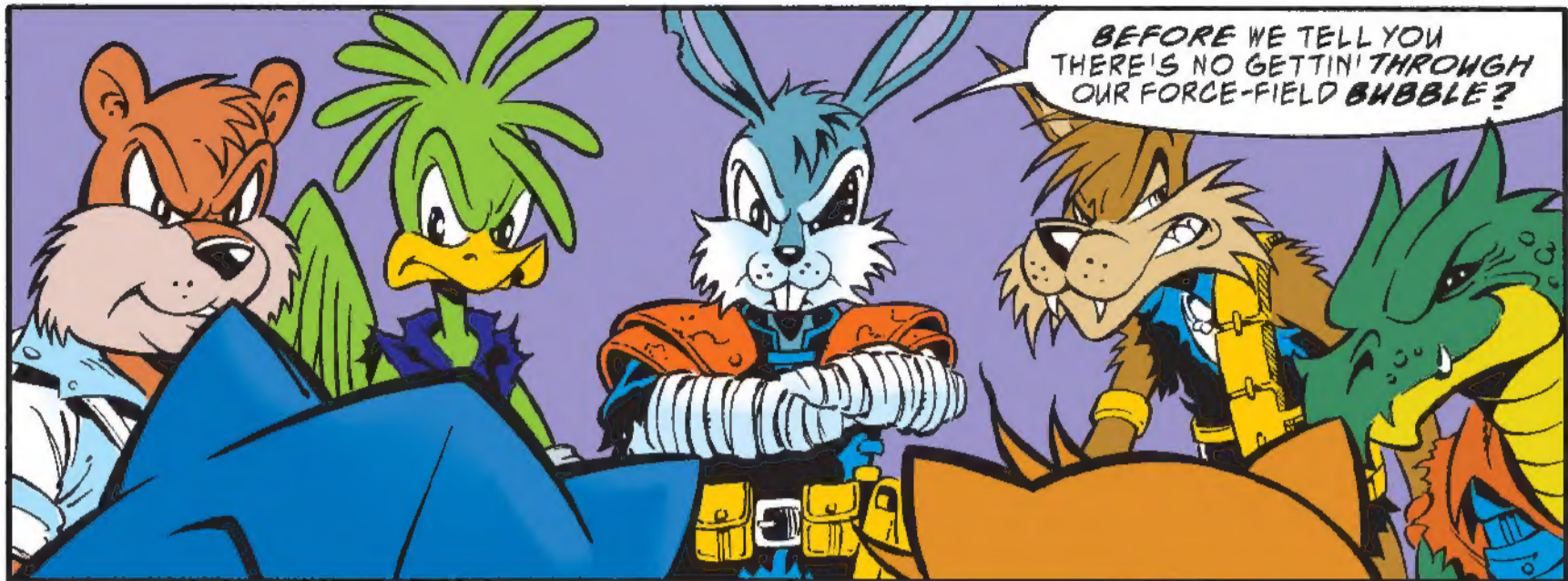
(ANOTHER CHILI-DOG AND I WOULD'VE HAD TO TRADEMARK A NEW FAVORITE SNACK!)



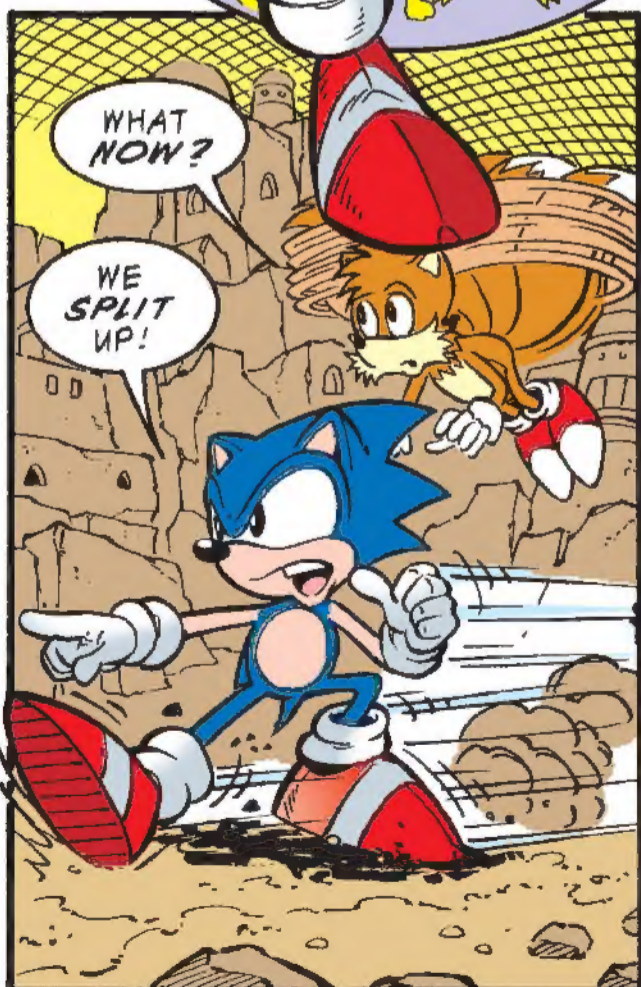
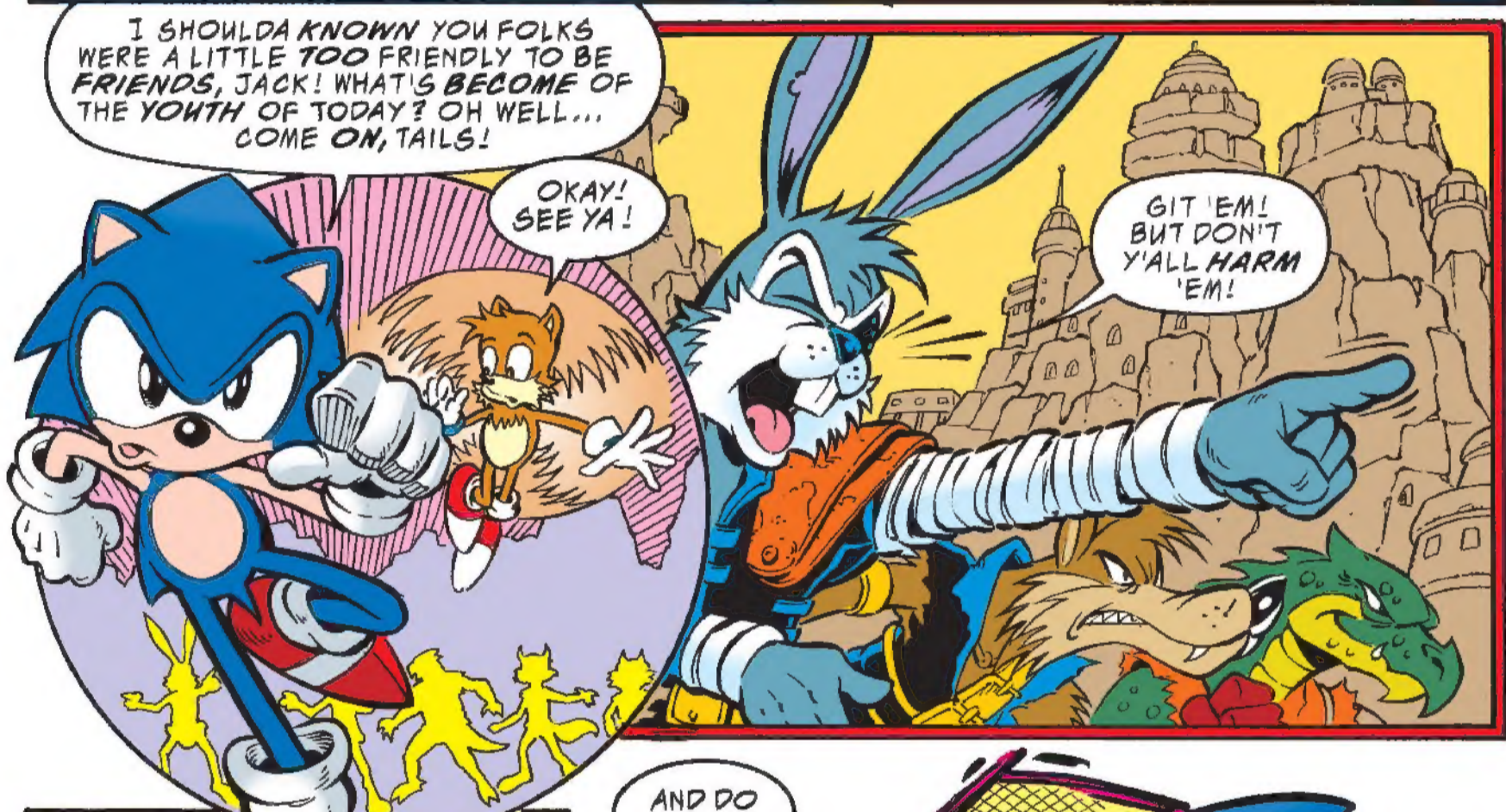
BUT NOW, I SAY WE MAKE TRACKS BEFORE--

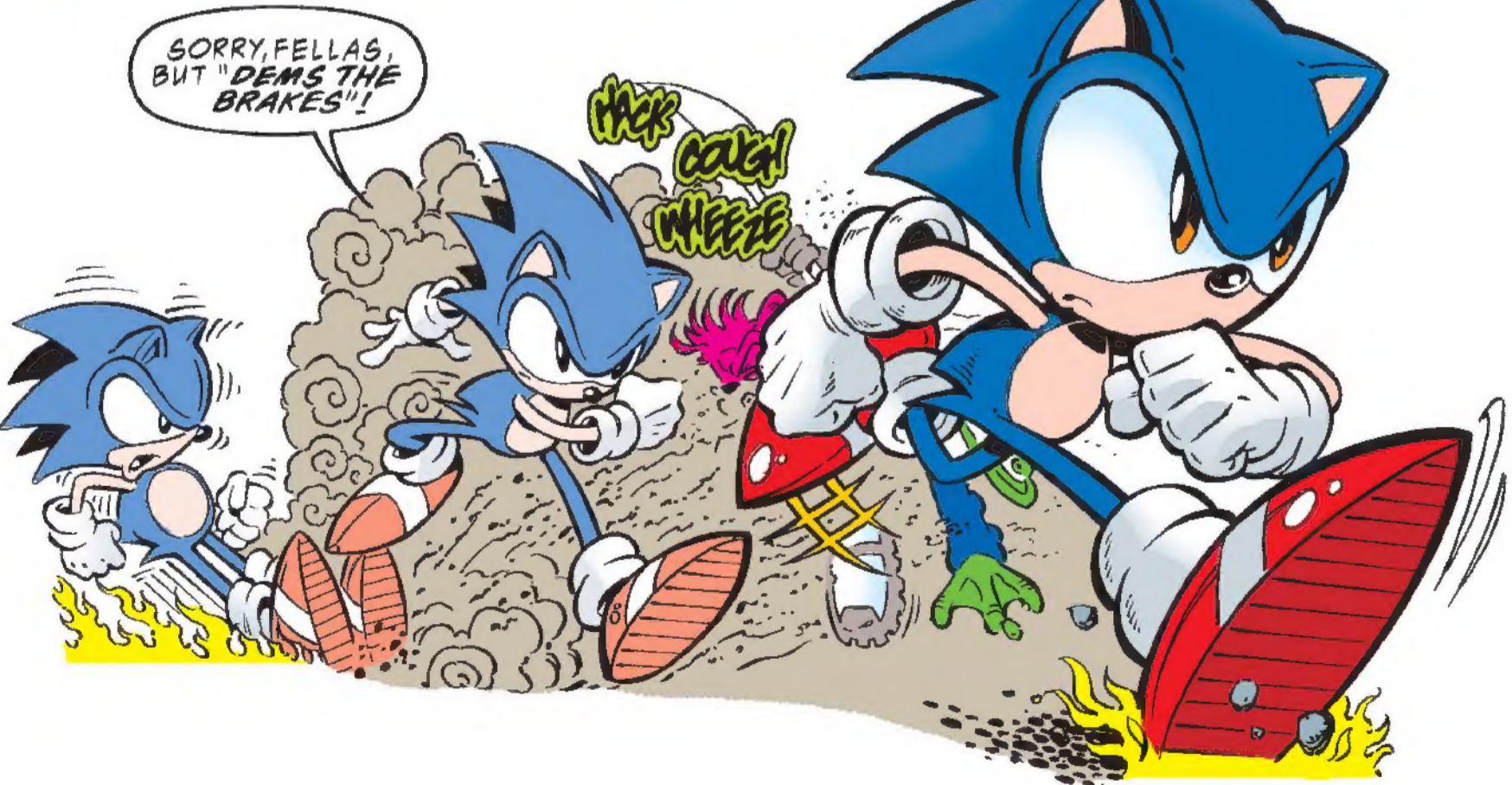
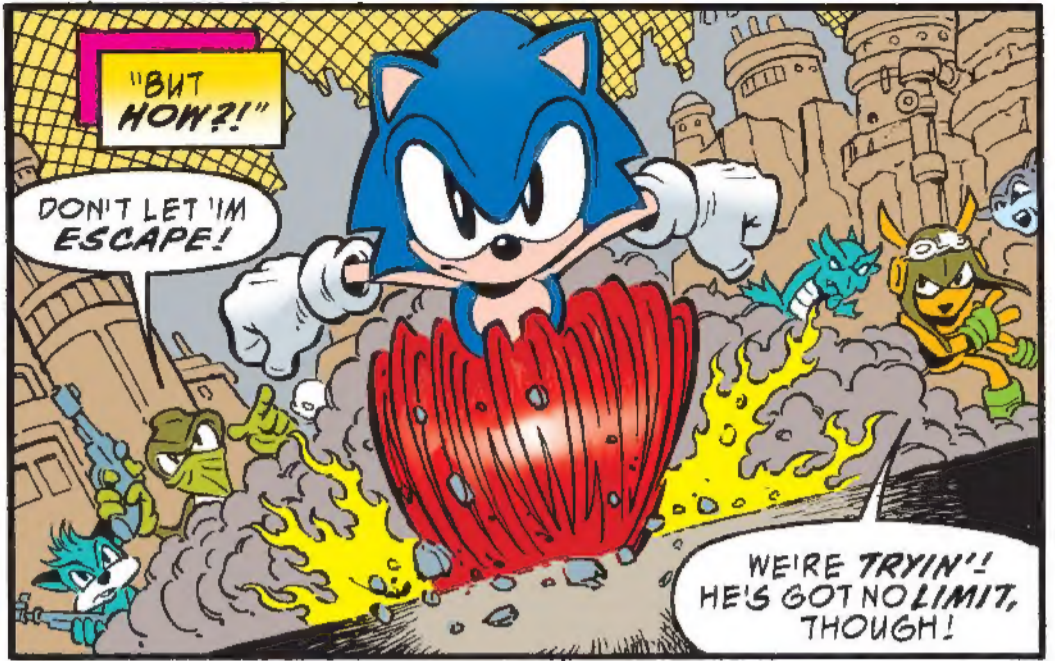
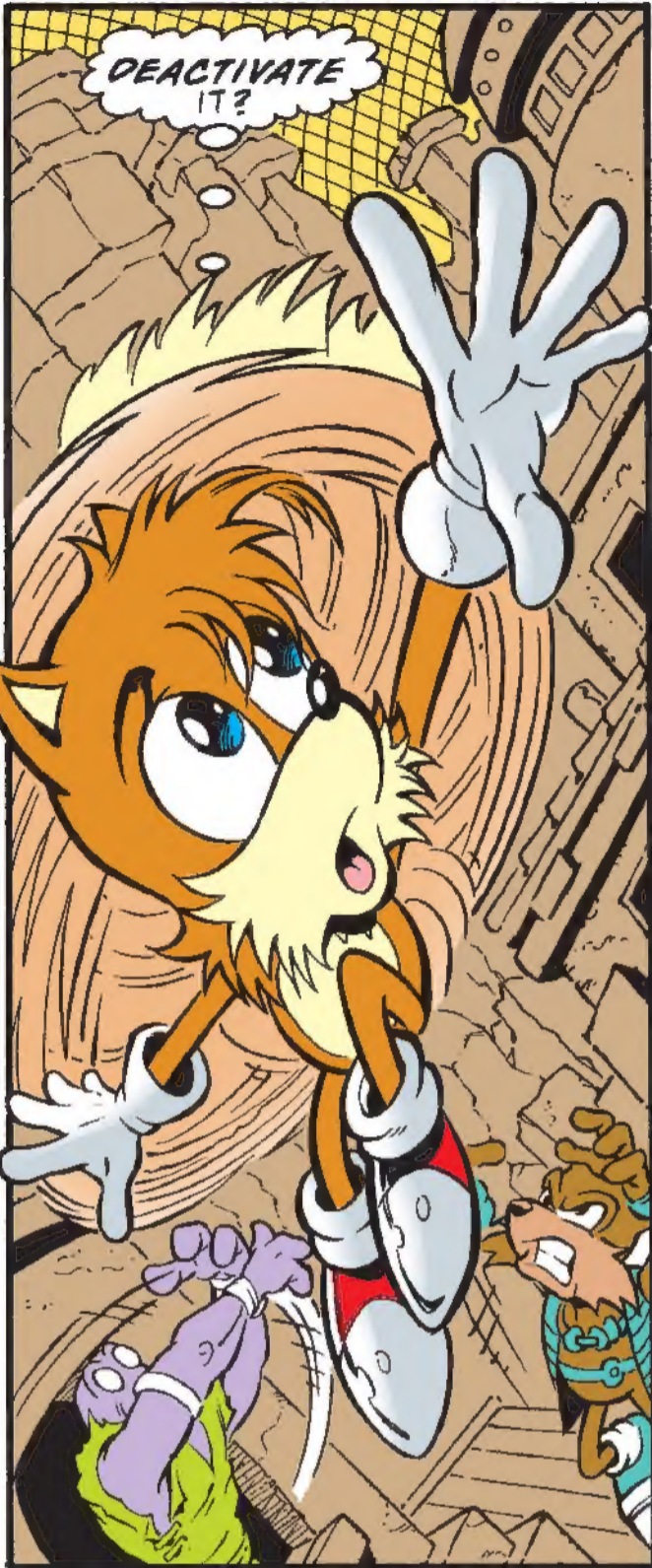


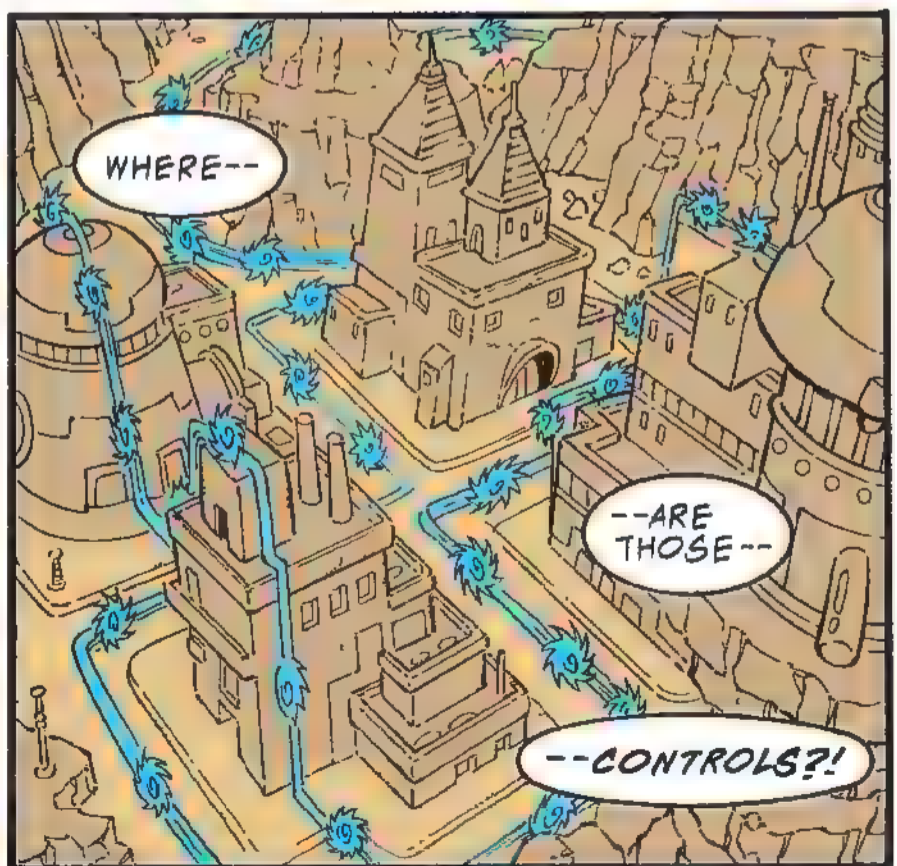
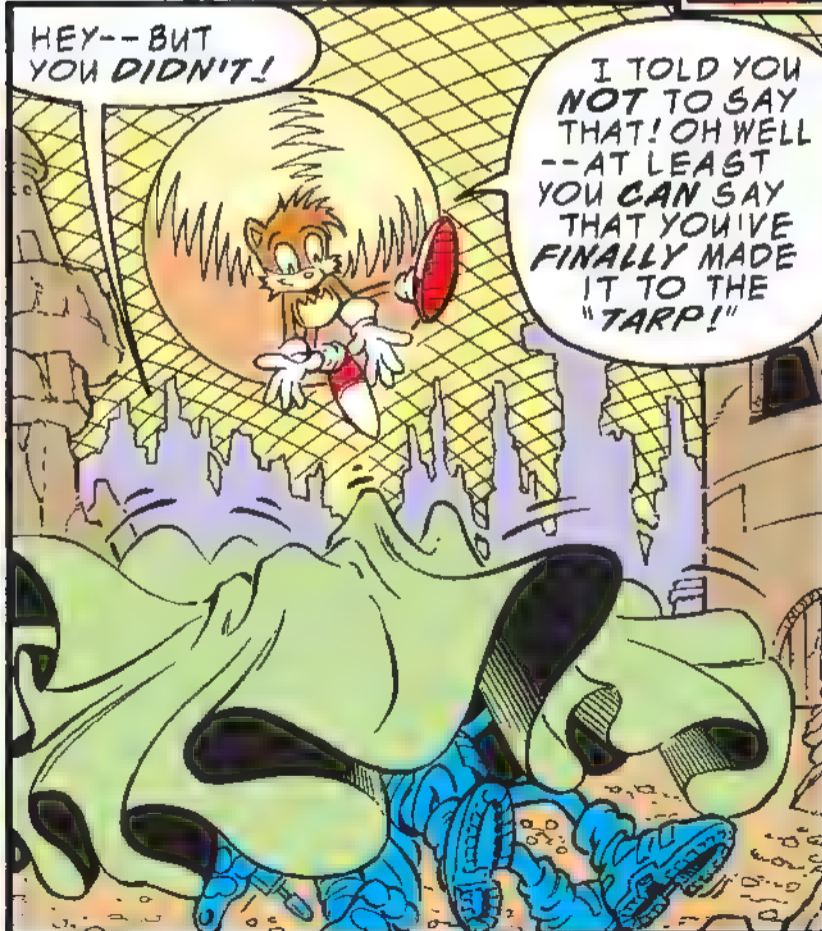
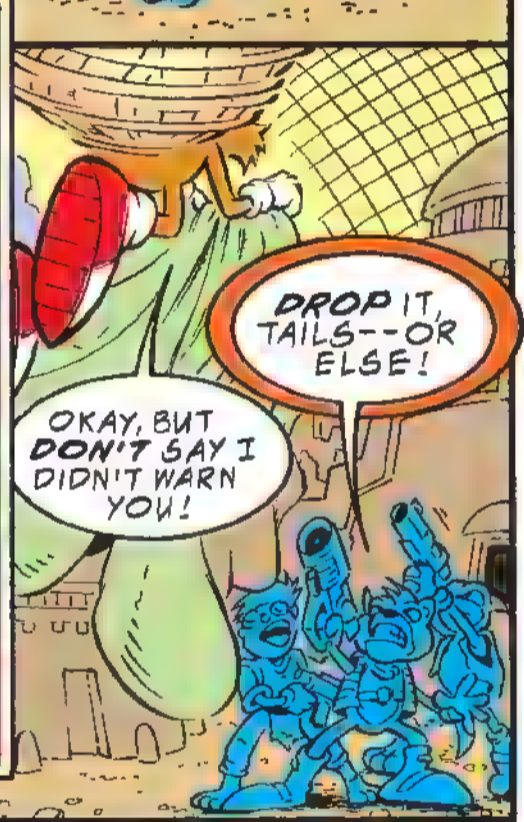
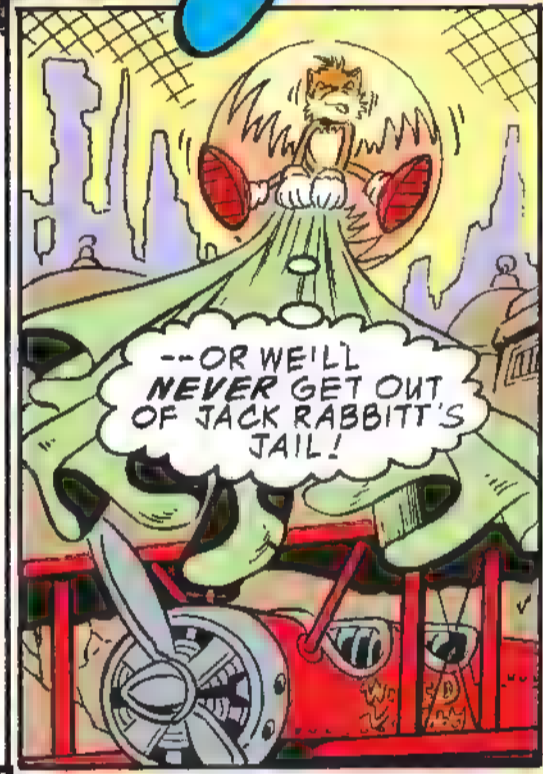
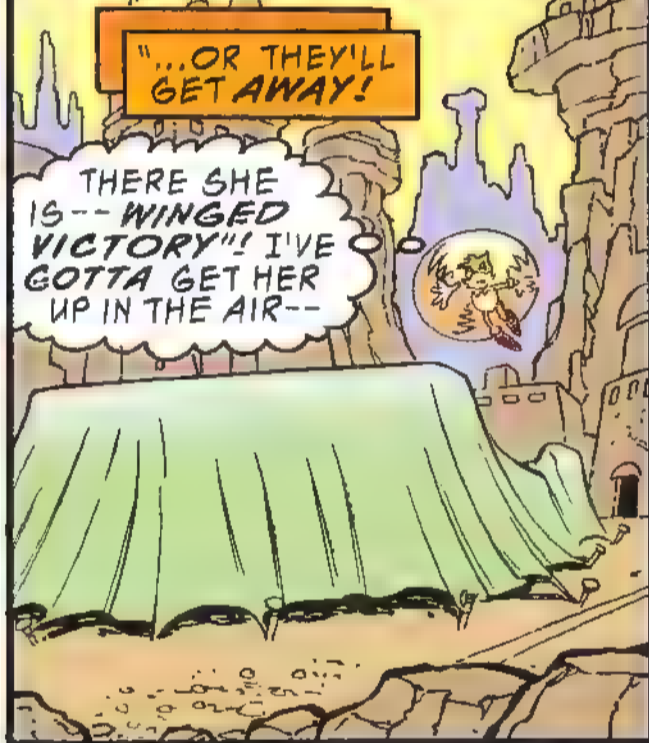
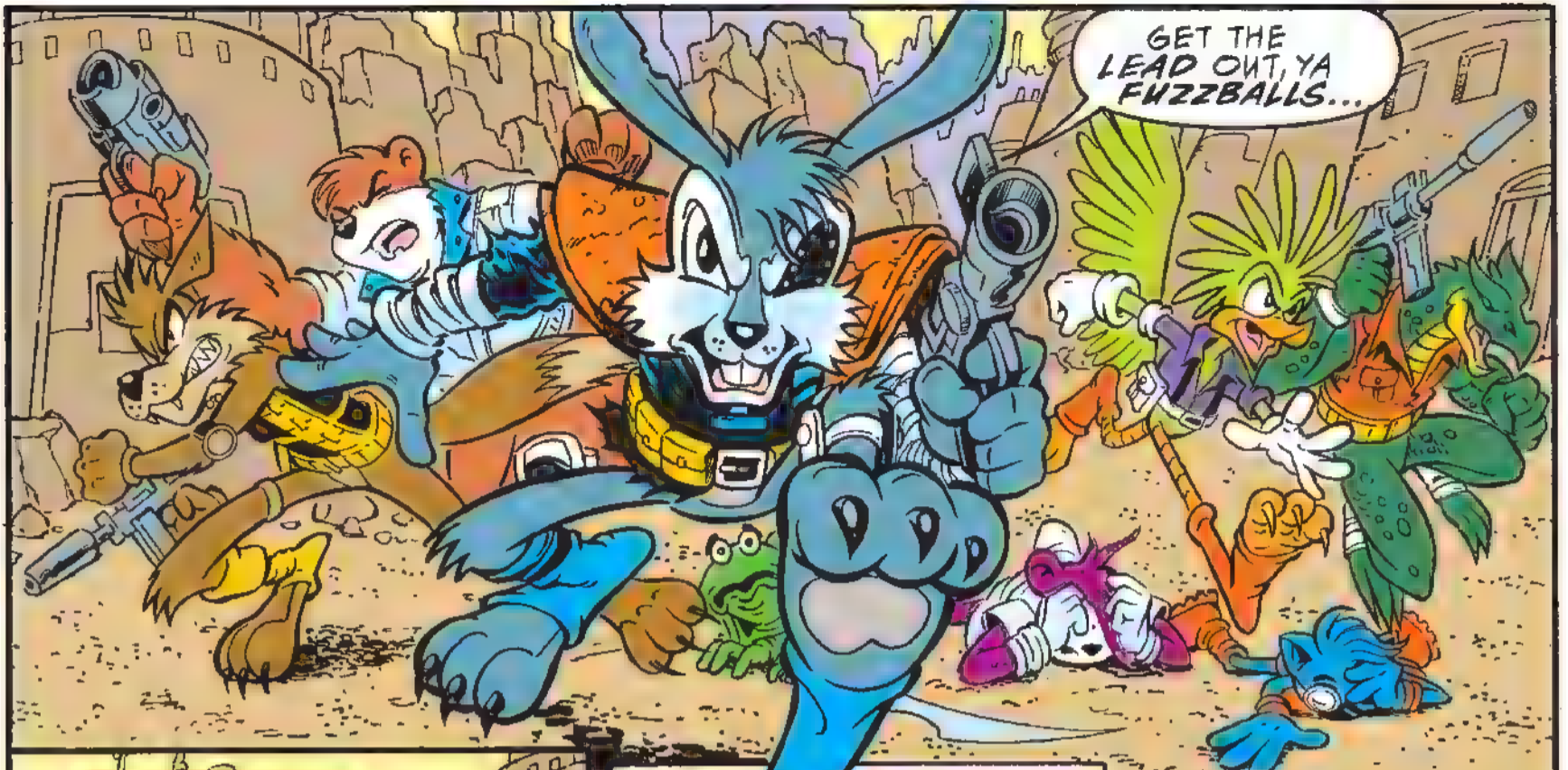
BEFORE WHAT, SONIC?



I SHOULD KNOW YOU FOLKS WERE A LITTLE TOO FRIENDLY TO BE FRIENDS, JACK! WHAT'S BECOME OF THE YOUTH OF TODAY? OH WELL... COME ON, TAILS!





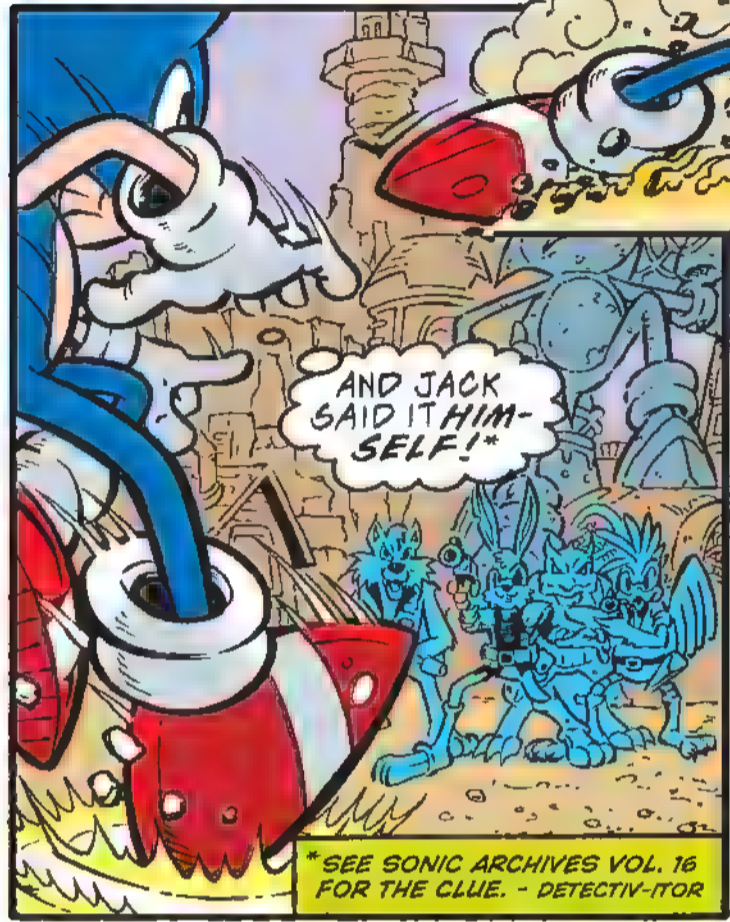


THAT'S IT!

SNAP

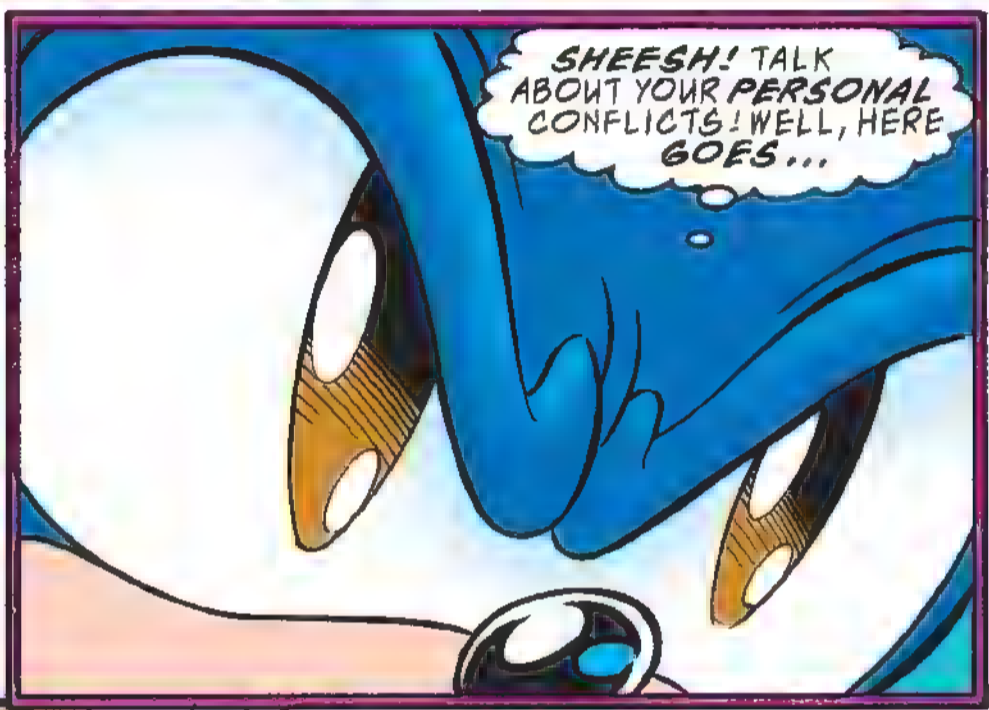
IT WAS IN MY FACE ALL ALONG! AFTER ALL, WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF SAND-BLAST CITY? THE PROTECTIVE FORCE FIELD THAT KEEPS OUT THE ROBBIANS!

IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT ITS CONTROLS WOULD BE IN THE MOST IMPORTANT SPOT AROUND HERE!

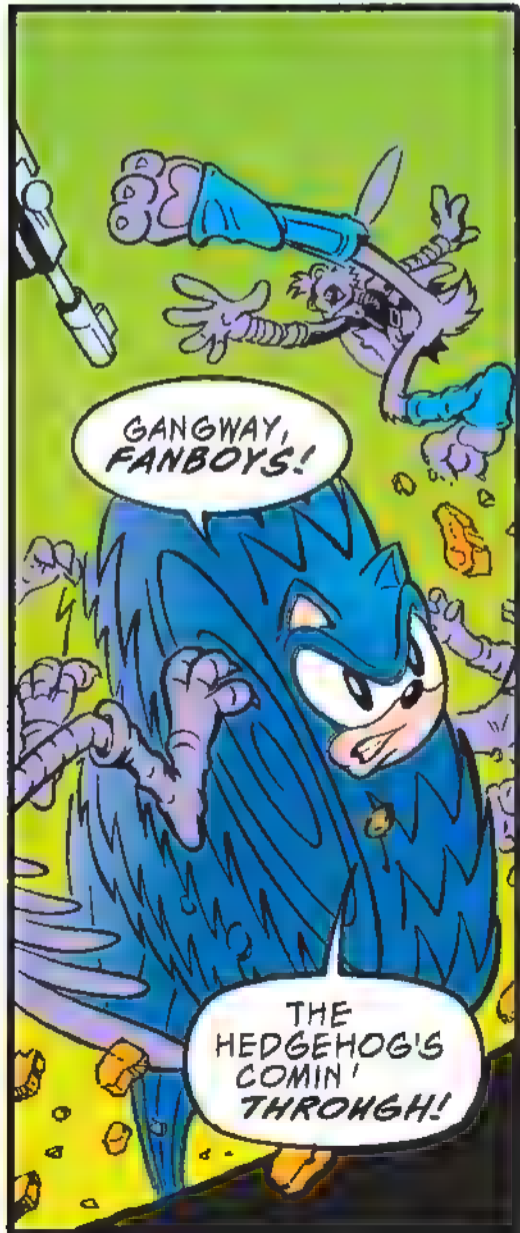


AND JACK SAID IT HIMSELF!

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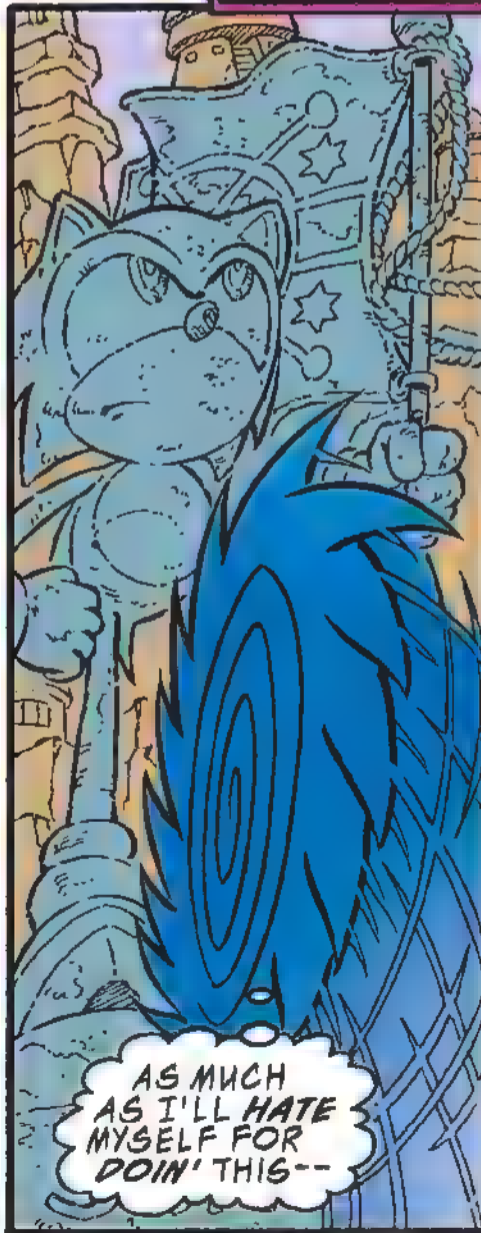


SHEESH! TALK ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL CONFLICTS! WELL, HERE GOES...

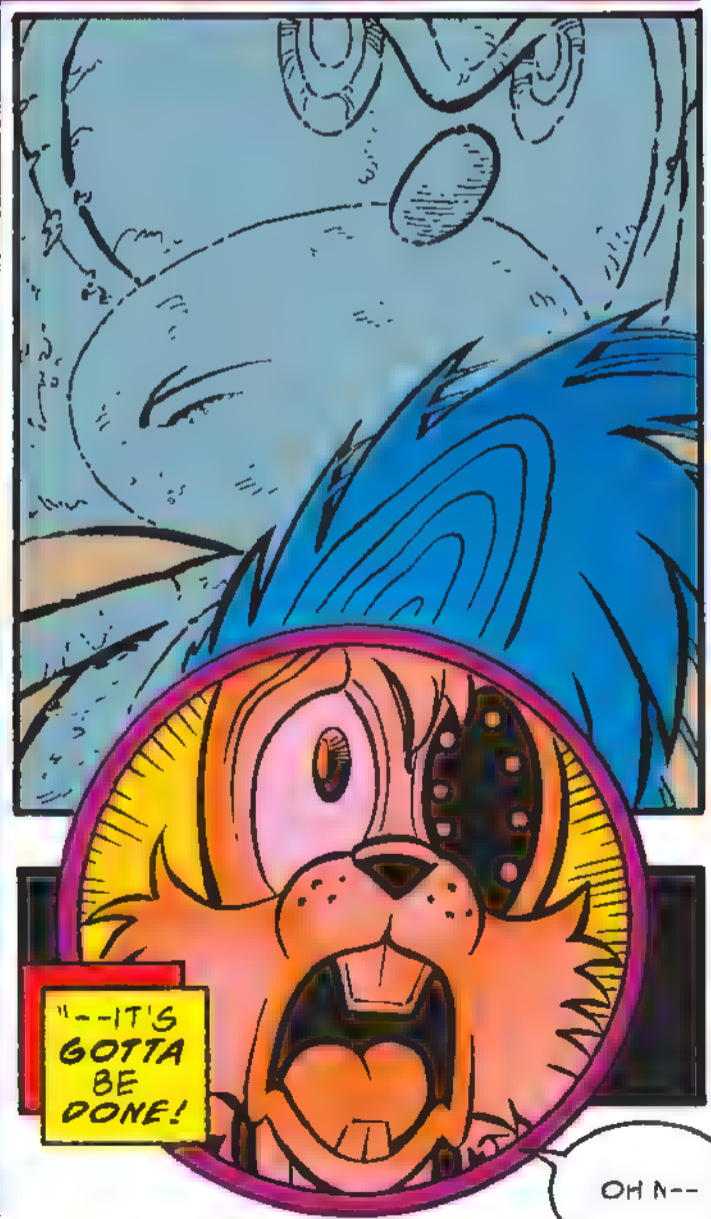


GANGWAY, FANBOYS!

THE HEDGEHOG'S COMIN' THROUGH!



AS MUCH AS I'LL HATE MYSELF FOR DOIN' THIS--



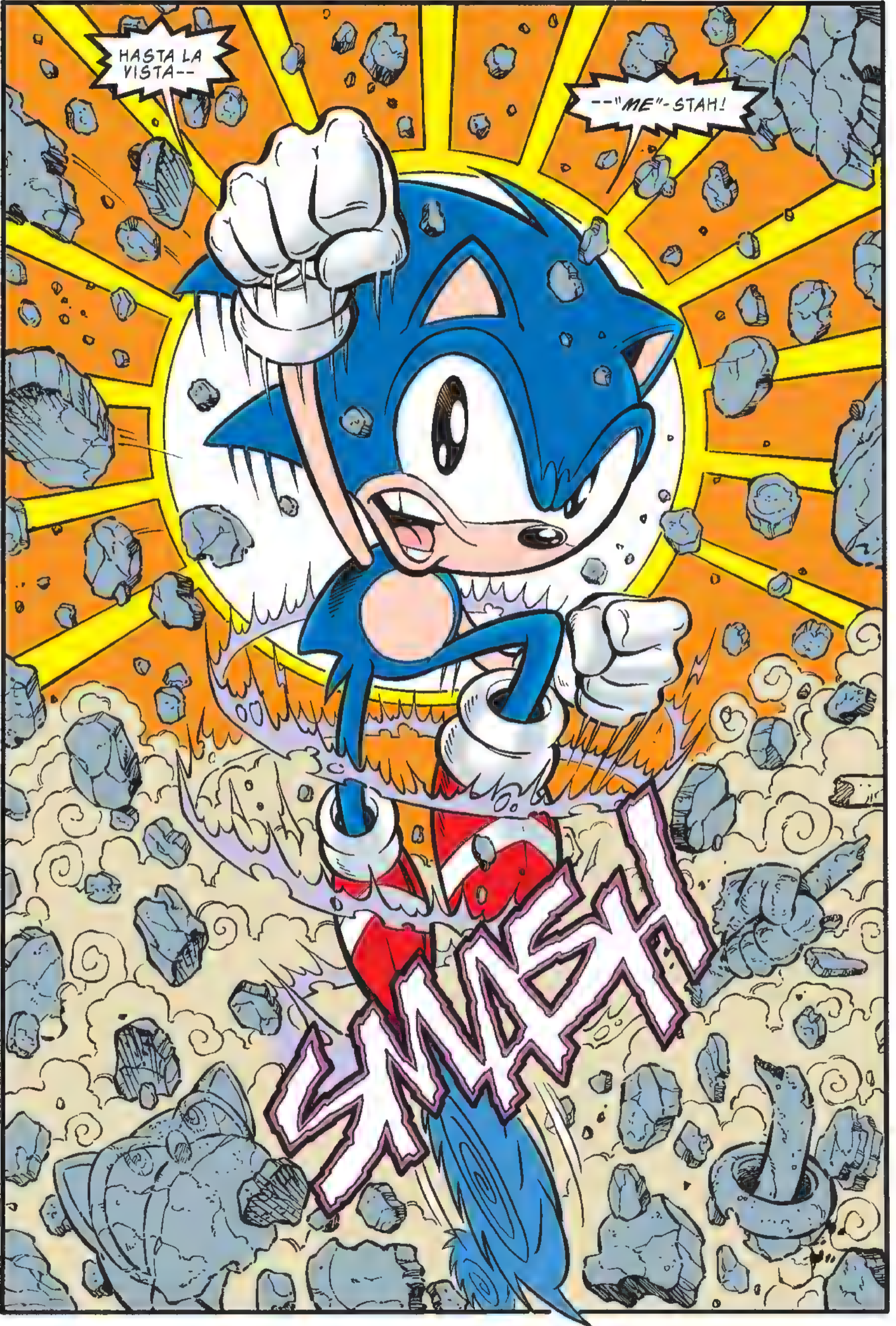
--IT'S GOTTA BE DONE!

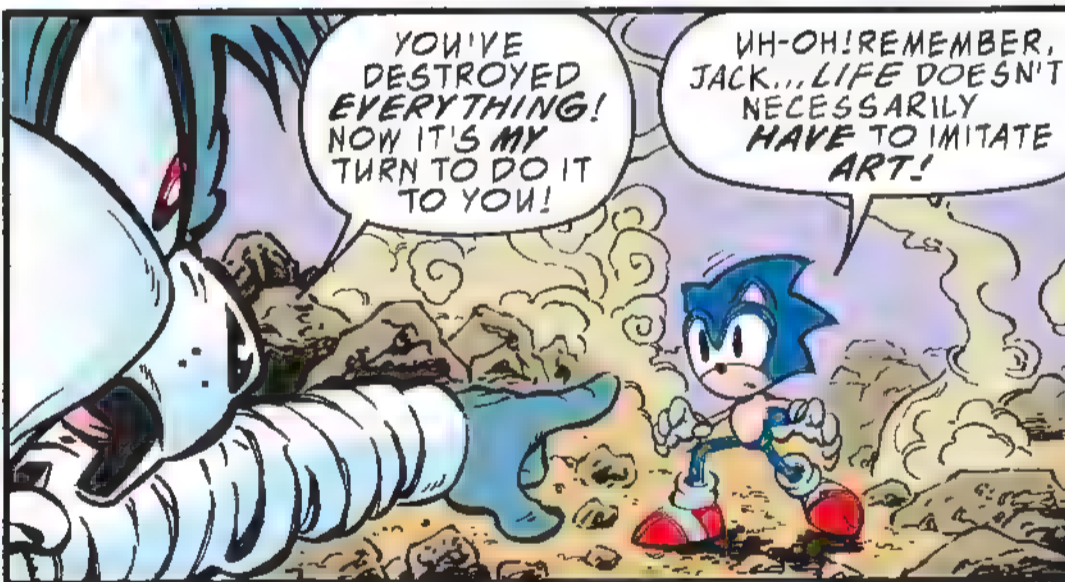
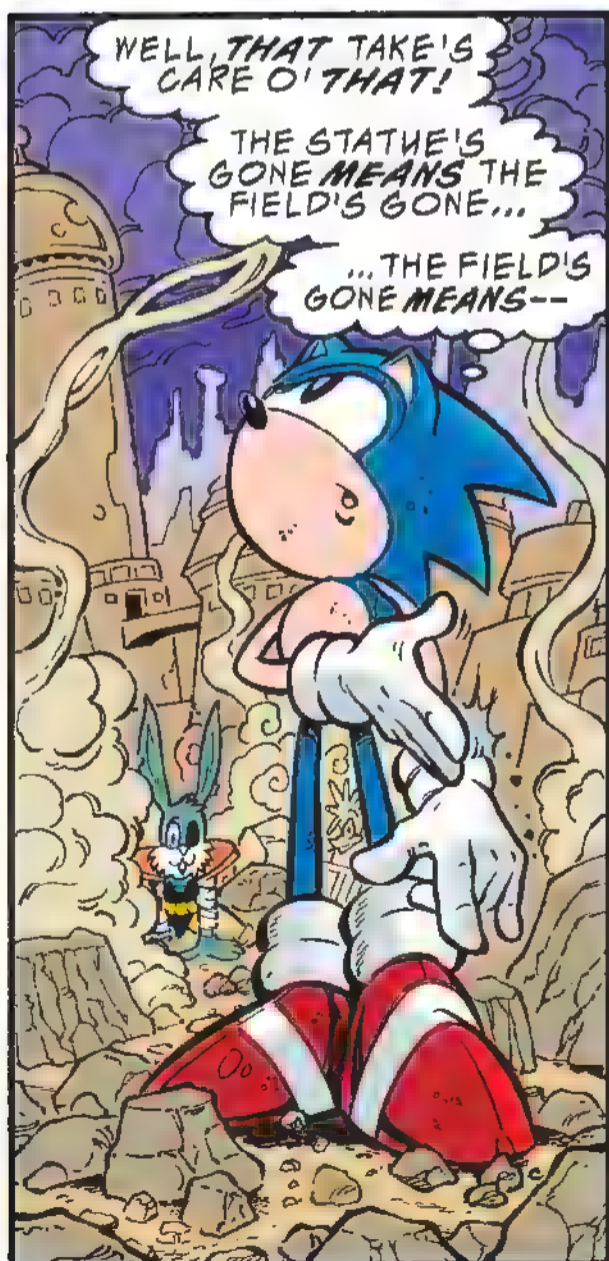
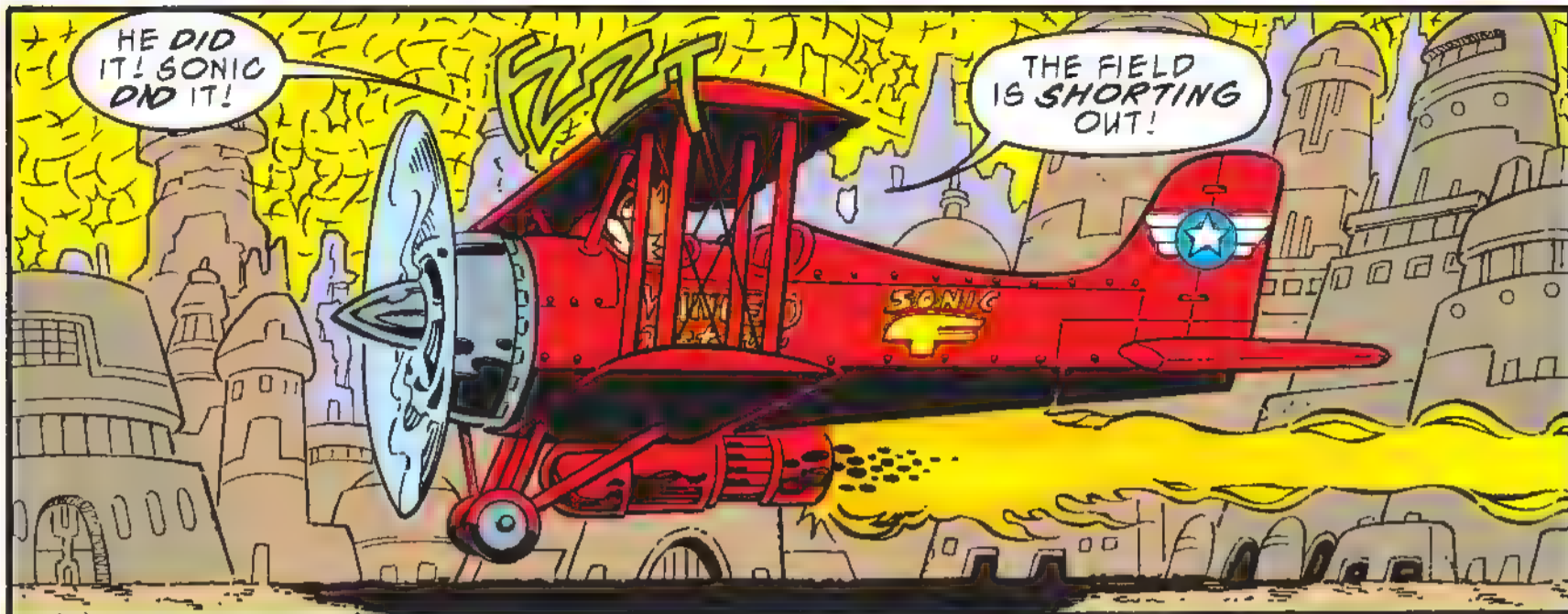
OH N--

HASTA LA VISTA--

--"ME"-STAH!

WAAAAH



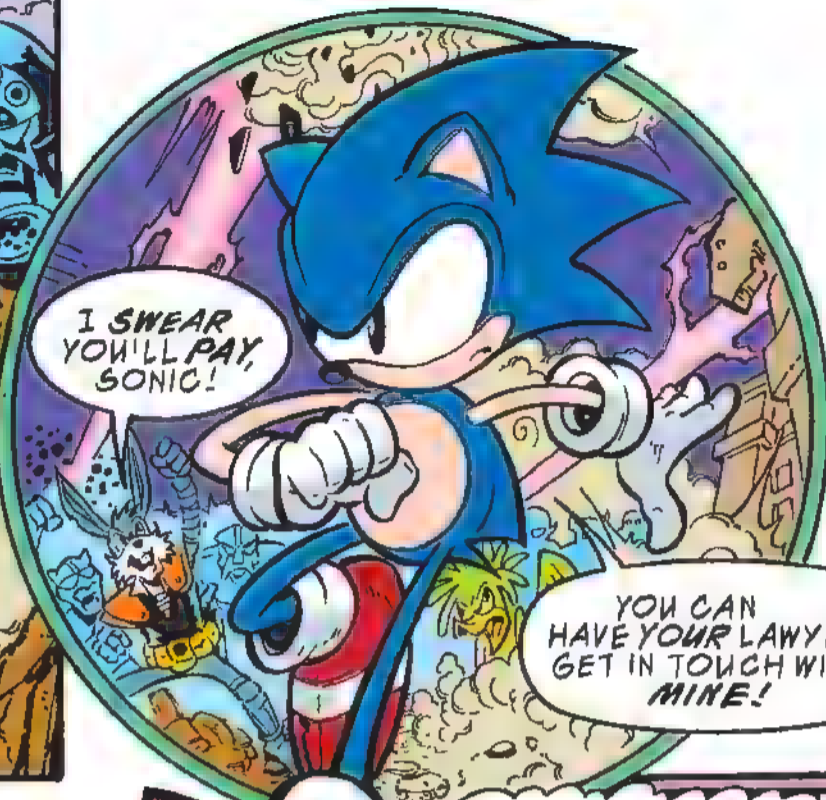




IT'S THEM!

THE ENEMY!

THE CALVARY!



I SWEAR YOU'LL PAY, SONIC!

YOU CAN HAVE YOUR LAWYERS GET IN TOUCH WITH MINE!

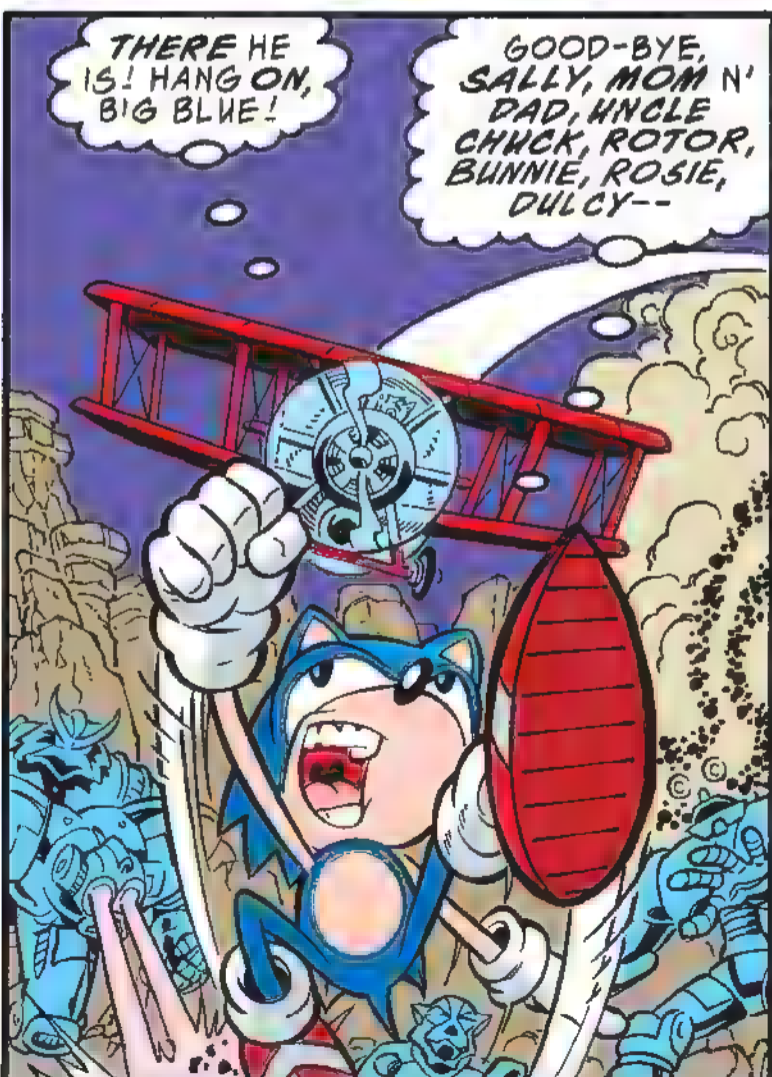


WHERE IS HE?!



NO SIGN O' TAILS! I HOPE HE MADE IT OUT!

MEANWHILE, IT LOOKS LIKE MY GOOSE IS COOKED!



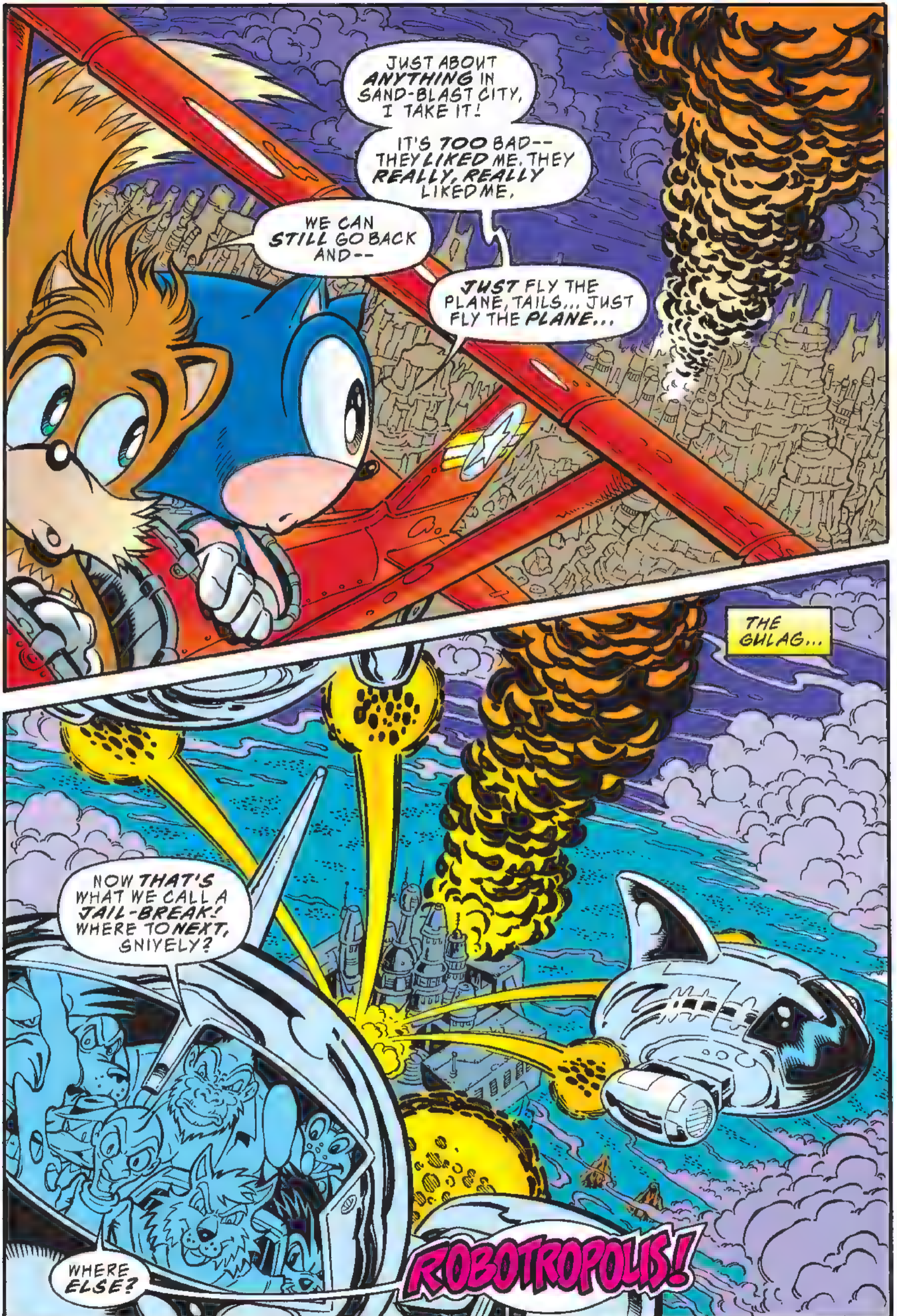
THERE HE IS! HANG ON, BIG BLUE!

GOOD-BYE, SALLY, MOM N' DAD, UNCLE CHUCK, ROTOR, BUNNIE, ROSIE, DULCY--



--TAILS!!

HI THERE! YOU KNOW WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY, THAT FLYING IS A LOT SAFER THAN--



JUST ABOUT ANYTHING IN SAND-BLAST CITY, I TAKE IT!

IT'S TOO BAD-- THEY LIKED ME, THEY REALLY, REALLY LIKED ME,

WE CAN STILL GO BACK AND--

JUST FLY THE PLANE, TAILS... JUST FLY THE PLANE...

THE GWLAG...

NOW THAT'S WHAT WE CALL A JAIL-BREAK! WHERE TO NEXT, SNIYELY?

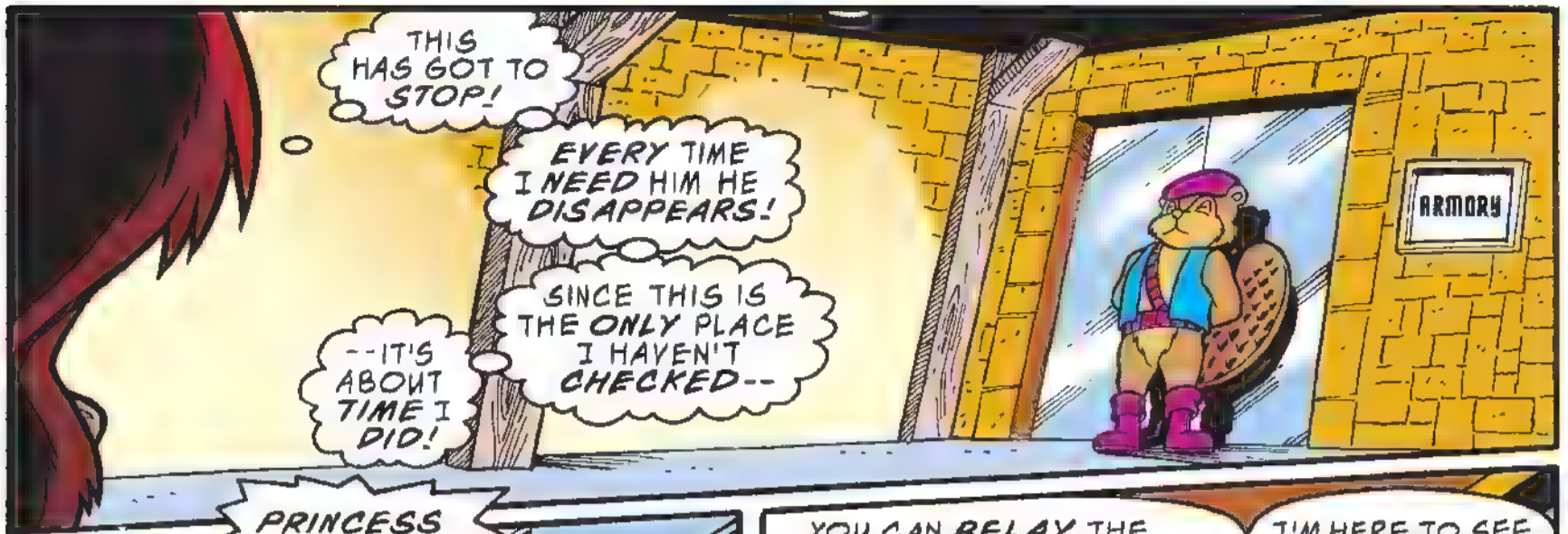
WHERE ELSE?

ROBOTROPOLIS!

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THE "PRO ART"
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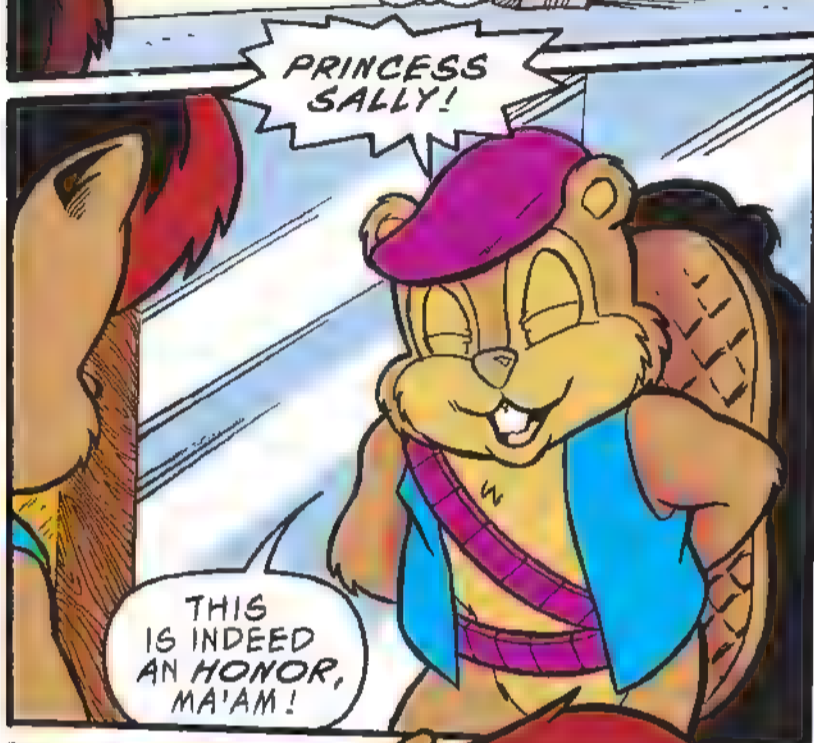
THIS HAS GOT TO STOP!

EVERY TIME I NEED HIM HE DISAPPEARS!

--IT'S ABOUT TIME I DID!

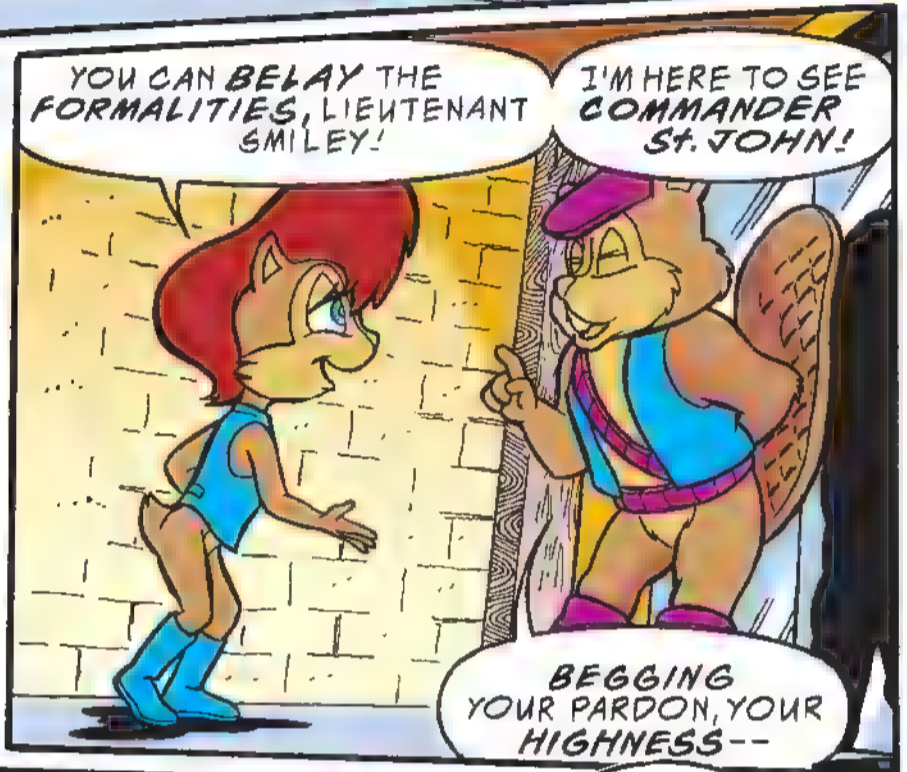
SINCE THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE I HAVEN'T CHECKED--

ARMORY



PRINCESS SALLY!

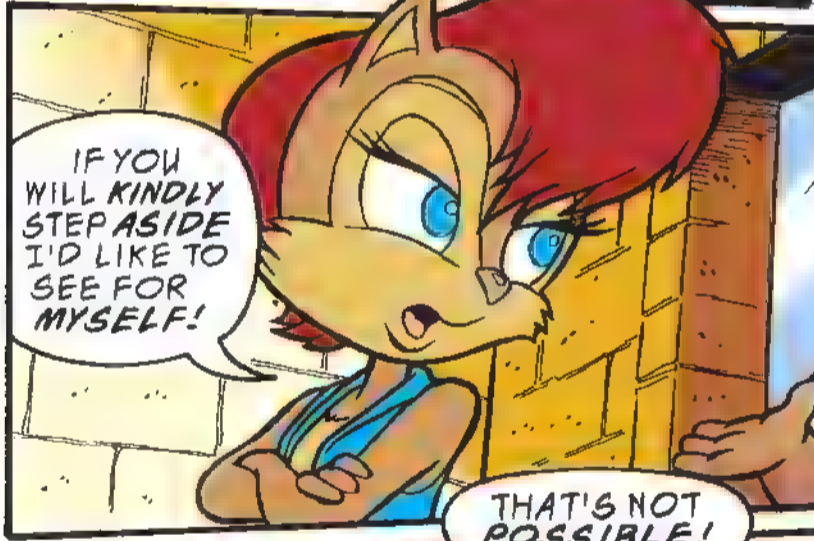
THIS IS INDEED AN HONOR, MA'AM!



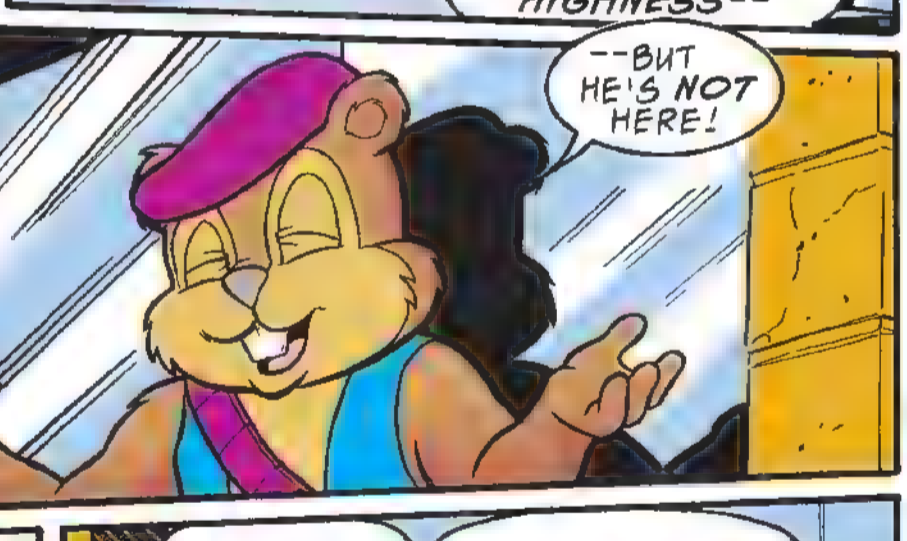
YOU CAN BELAY THE FORMALITIES, LIEUTENANT SMILEY!

I'M HERE TO SEE COMMANDER ST. JOHN!

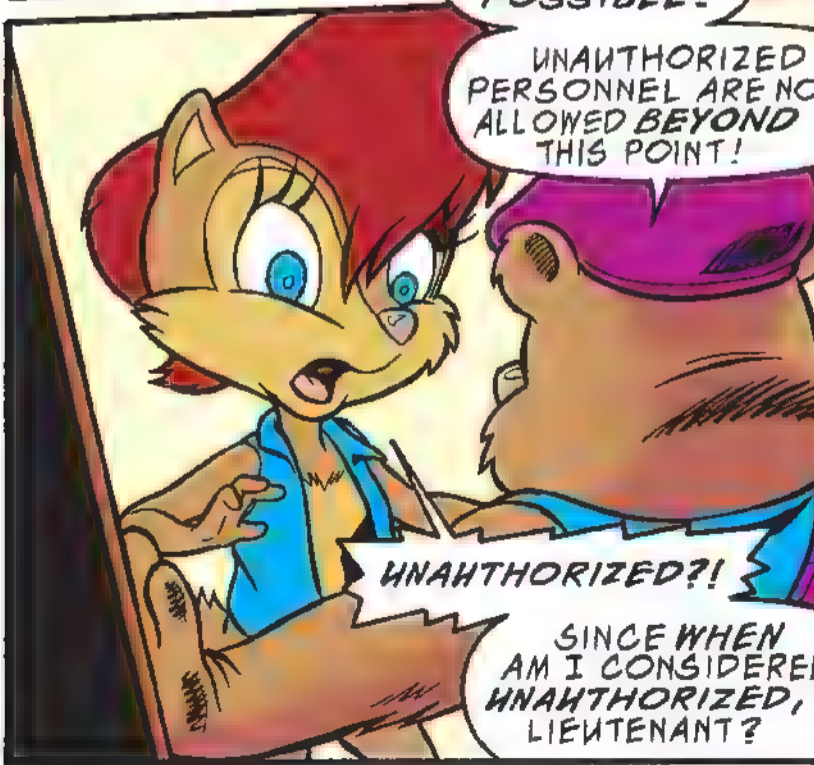
BEGGING YOUR PARDON, YOUR HIGHNESS--



IF YOU WILL KINDLY STEP ASIDE I'D LIKE TO SEE FOR MYSELF!



--BUT HE'S NOT HERE!



THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!

UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ARE NOT ALLOWED BEYOND THIS POINT!

UNAUTHORIZED?!

SINCE WHEN AM I CONSIDERED UNAUTHORIZED, LIEUTENANT?



I HAVE MY ORDERS, PRINCESS!

YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH THE COMMANDER!

WHERE CAN I FIND HIM?

"I BELIEVE HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A ROUTINE WALK IN THE PARK."

Tales of the Freedom Fighters

Presents:

GEORGEY ST. JOHN

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

PART 3

ON MY MARK--

GET SET TO MOVE OUT, MATES!

NOW!

LET'S GO! GO! GO!

I THOUGHT HE SAID THIS WAS JUST AN OBSTACLE COURSE!

WELL, WOMBAT STU-- IT SEEMS PRETTY REAL TO ME!

WRITTEN, INKED and COLORED by KEN PENDERS
PENCILED by ART MAWHINNEY LETTERED by JEFF POWELL
EDITED by JUSTIN GABRIE

AS FAR AS ALL OF YOU ARE CONCERNED, IT'S THE REAL DEAL!

OKAY, HEAVY, LET'S SEE HOW YOU HANDLE ENEMY HARDWARE!

EASY AS DOWN-LOADING, SIR!

NOTHING MORE THAN A COUPLE OF ELECTRONIC PULSES ON ONE CIRCUIT, A COUPLE MORE TO ANOTHER--

EVERY-ONE! STAND READY!

--AND ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO!

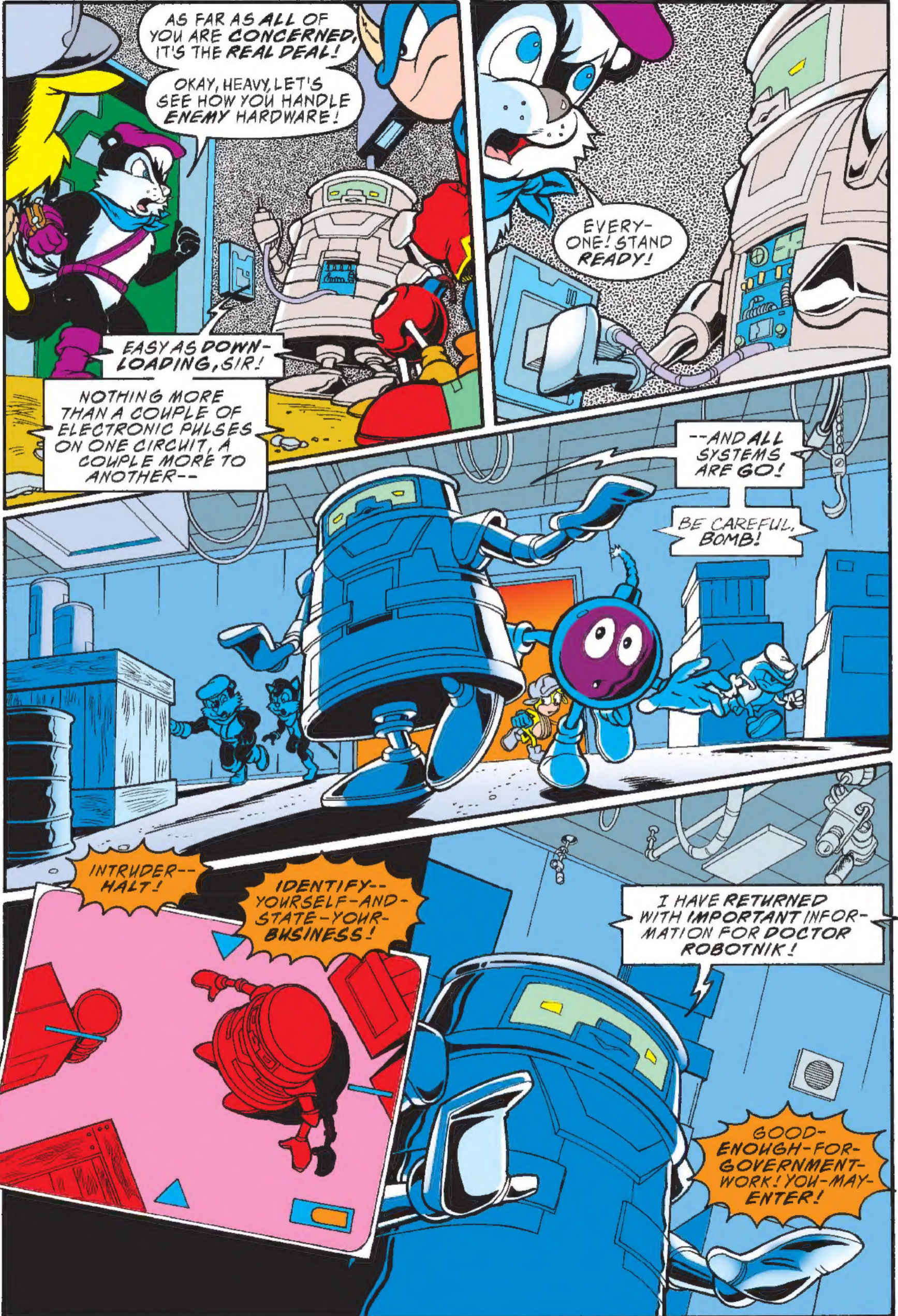
BE CAREFUL, BOMB!

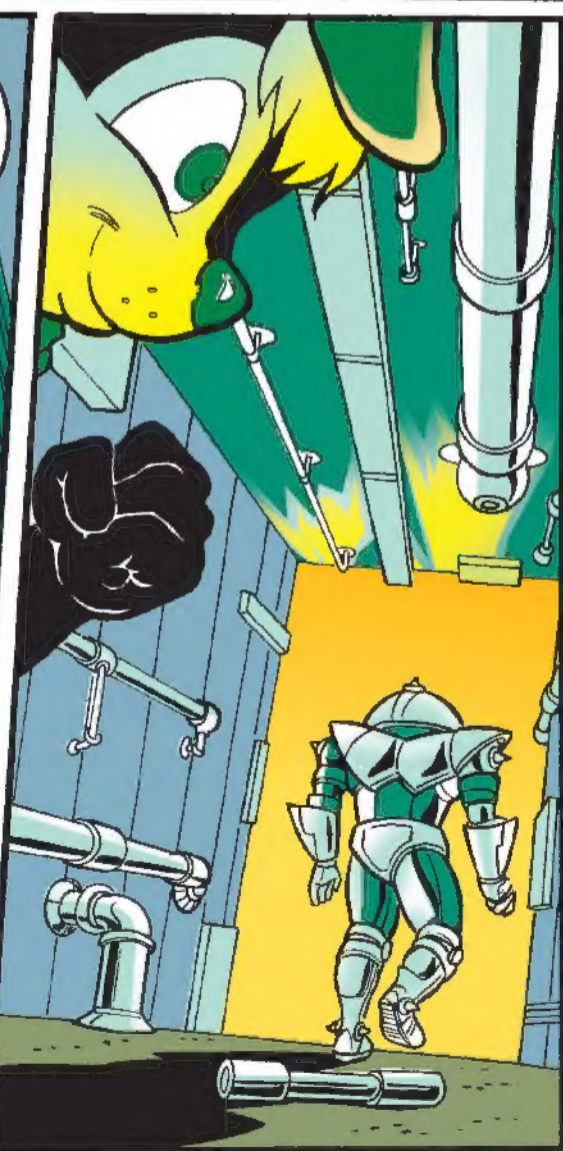
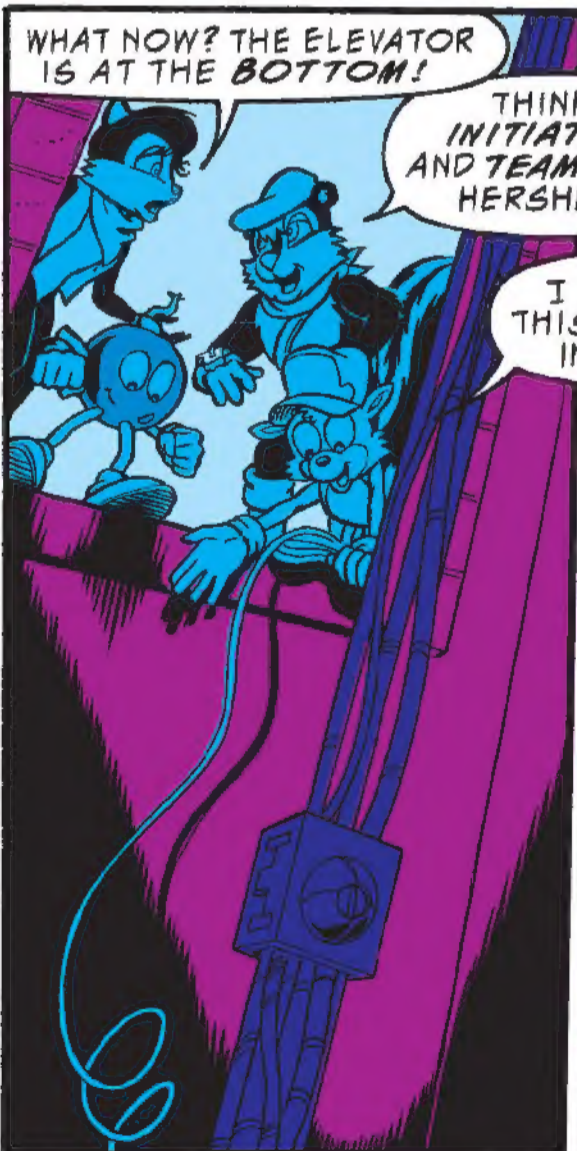
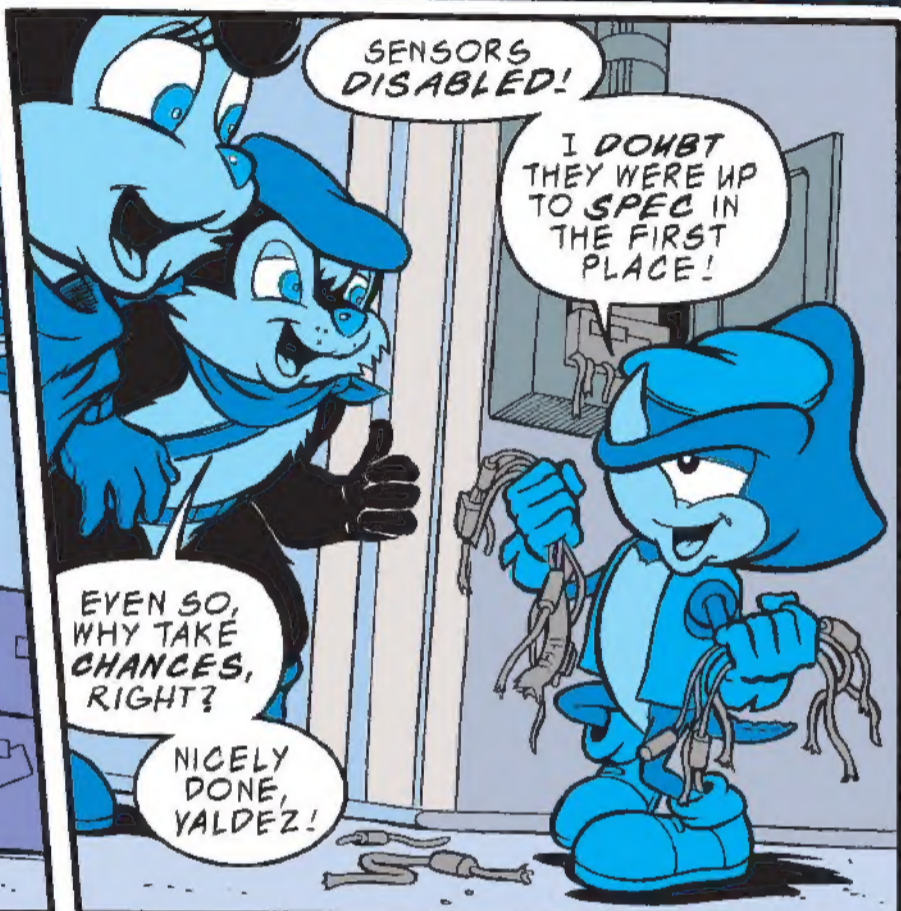
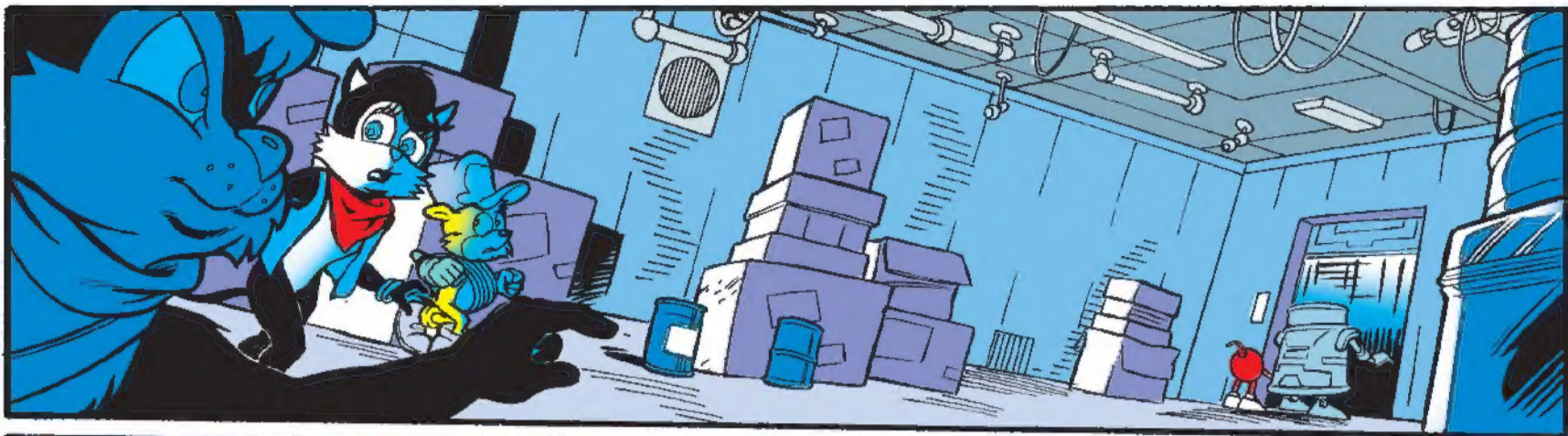
INTRUDER-- HALT!

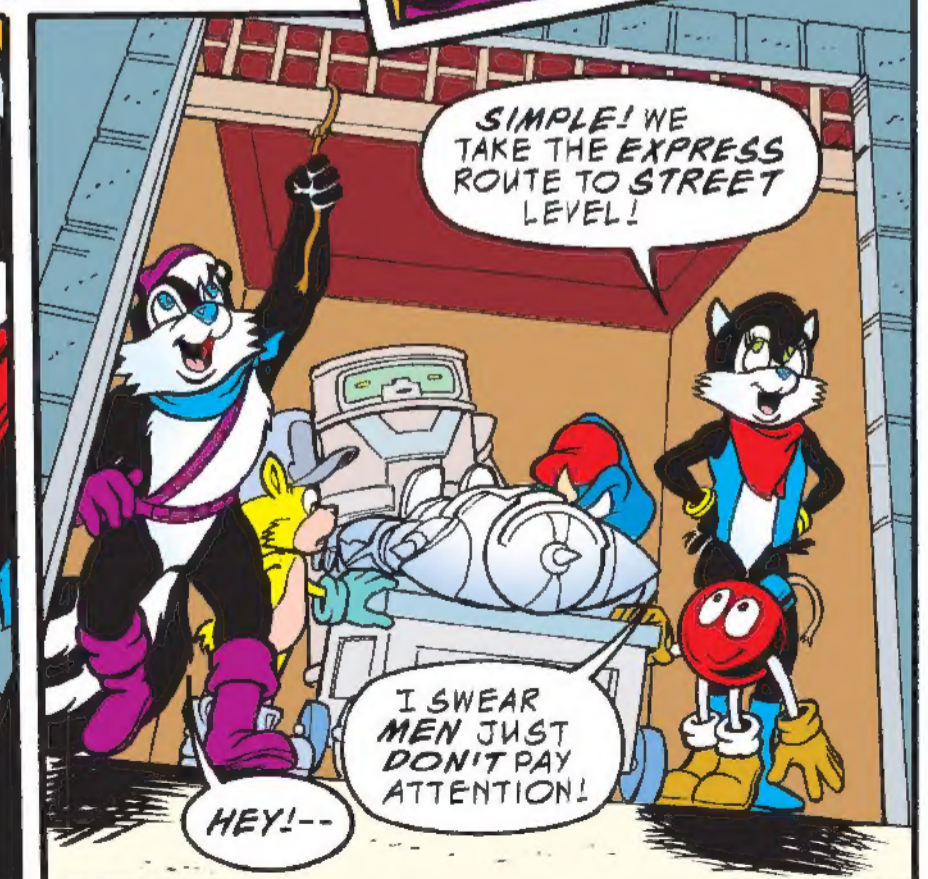
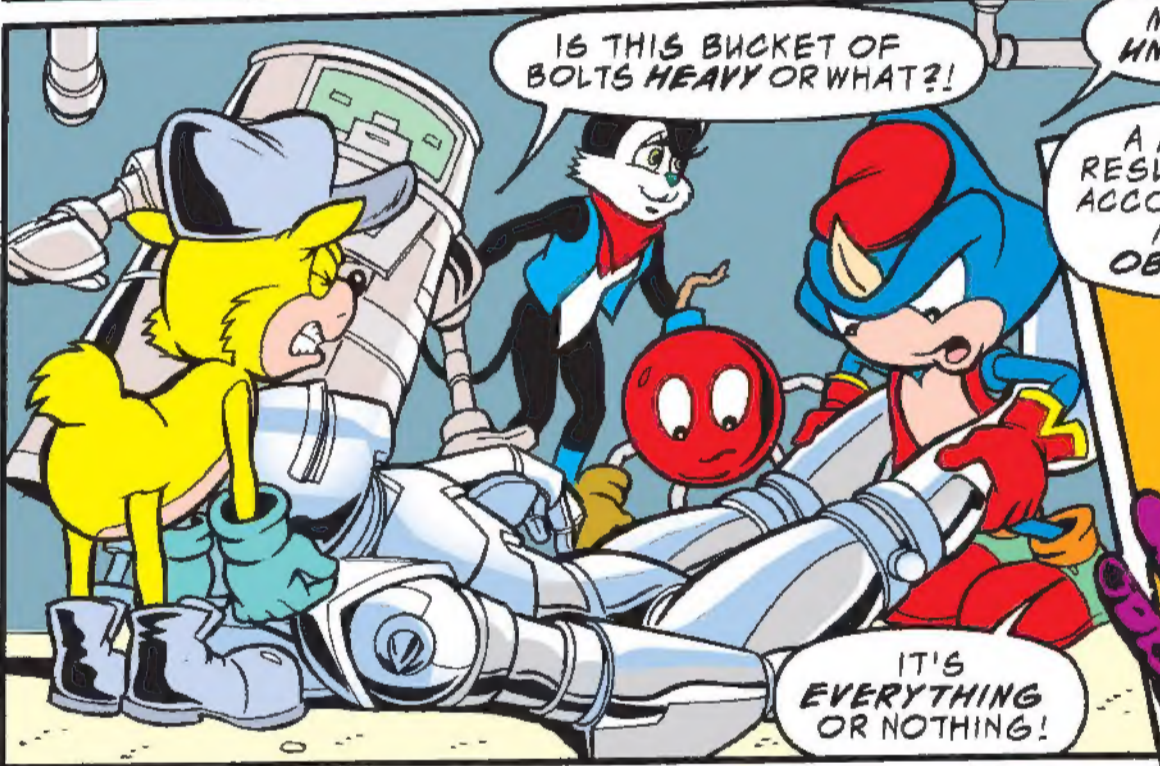
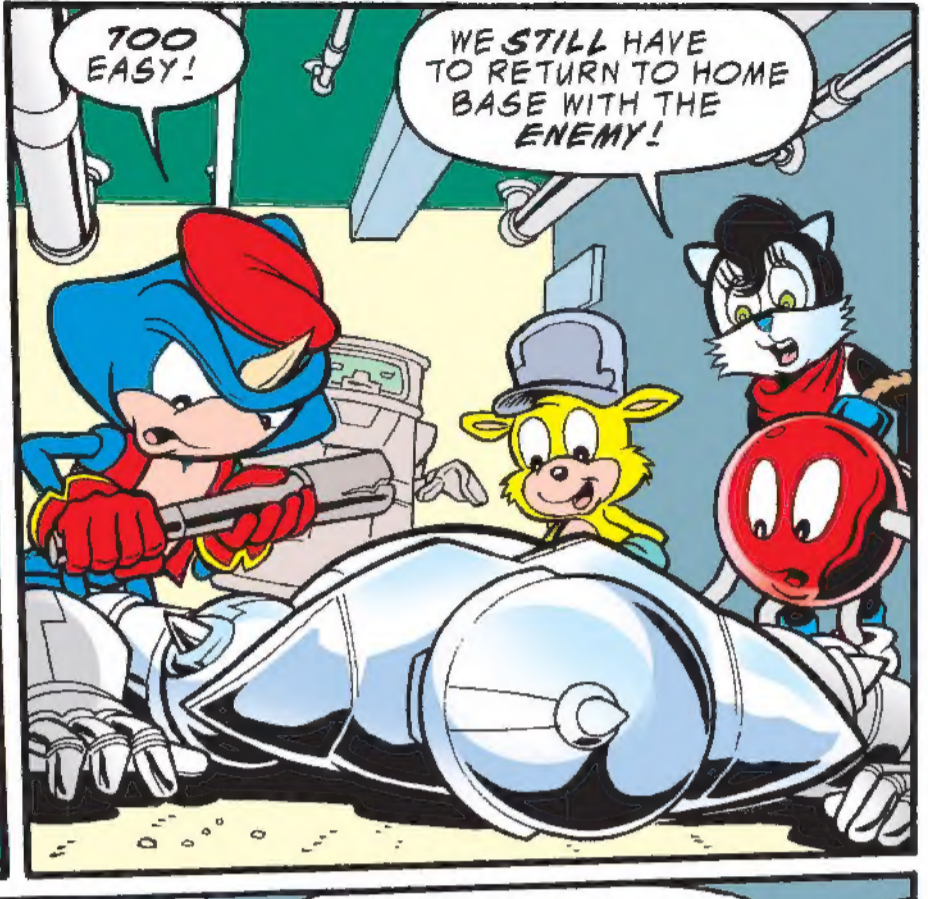
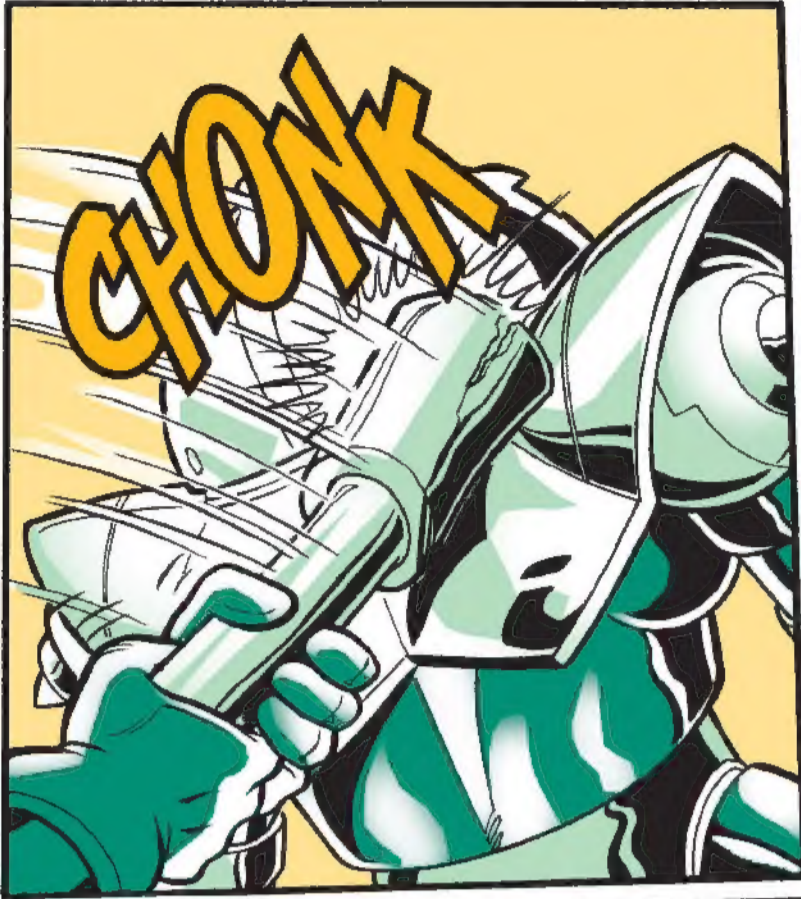
IDENTIFY-- YOURSELF-- AND-- STATE-- YOUR-- BUSINESS!

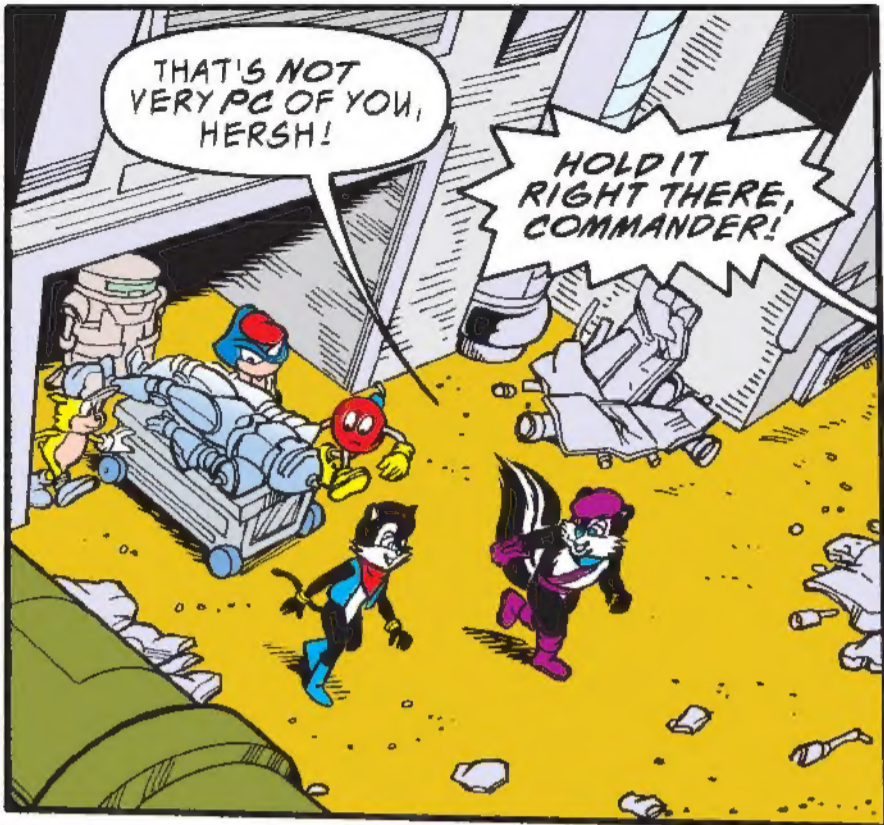
I HAVE RETURNED WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

GOOD- ENOUGH-- FOR-- GOVERNMENT-- WORK! YOW-- MAY-- ENTER!









THAT'S NOT VERY PC OF YOU, HERSH!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, COMMANDER!



IF THIS ISN'T A PLEASANT SURPRISE--

LET'S CAN THE CHARM, MISTER ST. JOHN!

YOU'VE A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO!



WOULD THAT I COULD, PRINCESS, BUT I HAVE MY ORDERS!

AS YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICER--

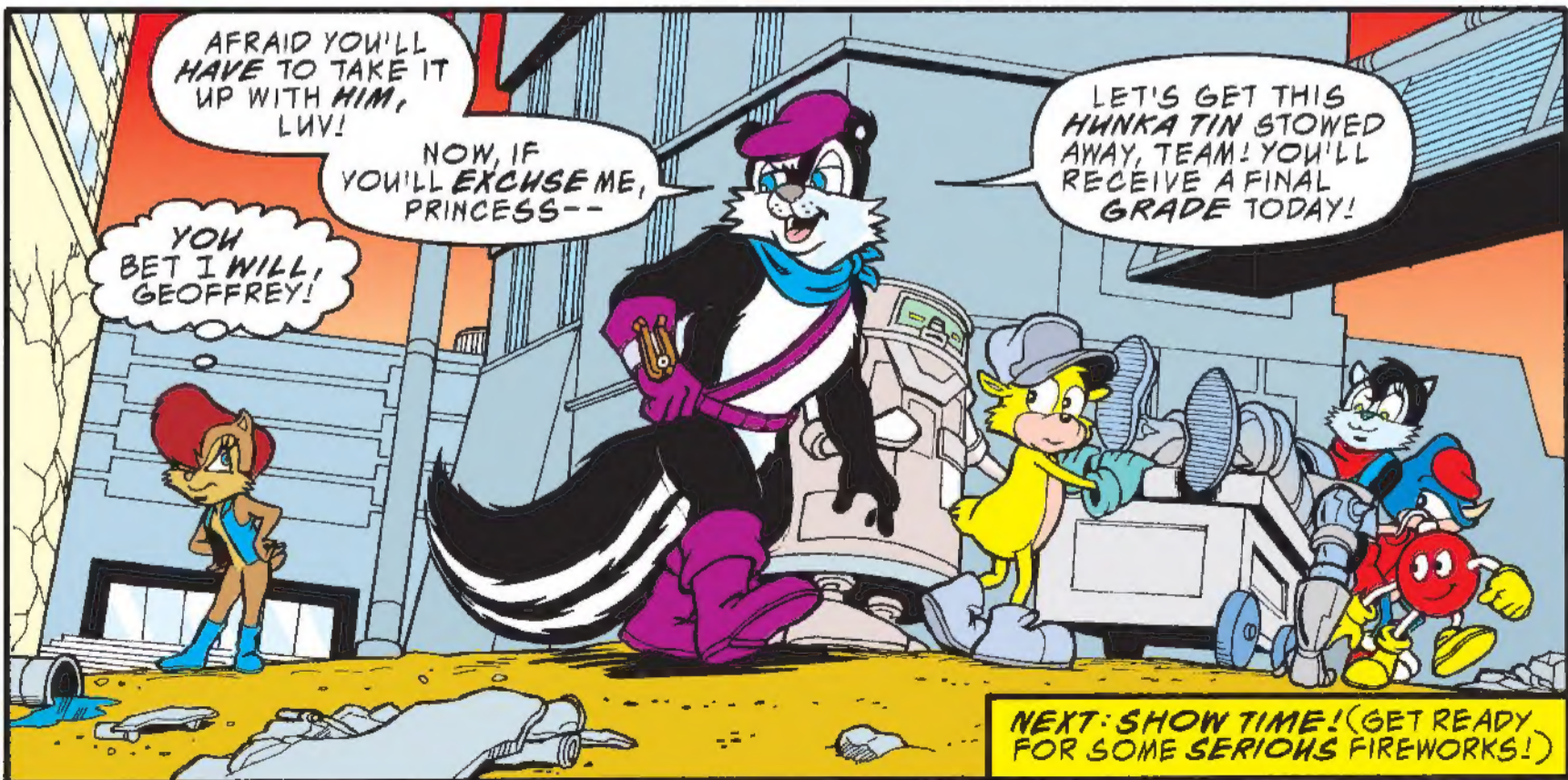
I GET MY ORDERS FROM YOUR SUPERIOR--



KING ACORN!

MY FATHER!

BUT WHY--?!



AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT UP WITH HIM, LUV!

NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCHSE ME, PRINCESS--

YOU BET I WILL, GEOFFREY!

LET'S GET THIS HUNKA TIN STOWED AWAY, TEAM! YOU'LL RECEIVE A FINAL GRADE TODAY!

NEXT: SHOW TIME! (GET READY FOR SOME SERIOUS FIREWORKS!)